

CHARITY

Run, Horsebackgobi, Run!

THINK you would ever run the Gobi desert? Two young runners from Singapore are doing just that. First-year National University of Singapore students John Low and Alexis Lee will take the challenge in March. The run is 250 kilometres long through terrain that includes grasslands, farmlands, dirt tracks, rolling hills and sand dunes, in temperatures from 40 degrees Celsius to minus 24.4° C.

The duo are running to raise funds for the Riding for Disabled Association (RDA), a charity that does free horse-riding sessions for people with disabilities.

They hope to raise S\$12,000, which is the amount needed to maintain one horse for a year. The two who call themselves Team Horsebackgobi have chosen to sponsor Buckay, one of RDA's oldest and more headstrong mares. The funds will cover Buckay's daily food, supplement, medical and other associated costs to maintain her well-being.

Mr Low, 23, and Ms Lee, 19, will be running from May 31 to June 6, and they will be two of the youngest competitors to ever take part in this gruelling race.

To donate to Run, Horsebackgobi, Run, head to www.giveasia.org/movement/run_horsebackgobi_run.

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