

A YOG expedition

In line with the Youth Olympic Games, six SMU students rode their bicycles from Phuket to Singapore covering 2,010km in this expedition.

They arrived at their final point with 10 supporters cycling alongside with them.

To mark Singapore's hosting the Youth Olympic Games and SMU's 10th anniversary, the student started preparing for this expedition half a year ago.

Team member Kelvin Liew said they trained three to four times a week.

Heading south from Phuket, they passed Penang, Malacca and Kukup before reaching Singapore.

For the only female on the team, Lin Fengru who had just learnt to cycle, this was an extreme challenge.

Among the challenges she faced on the trip were the communication difficulties in the foreign lands, being both drenched and under the scorching sun which all together made her miss home.

The School hopes to build up the members' endurance and perseverance through this trip. But safety came first.

Wong Yew Tong, Asst Director at SMU's Office of Student Life said there was a safety car that followed the team throughout and should the students fall ill they could rest in the car or be taken by it to the nearest hospital.

The students also took the opportunity on their journey to spread the knowledge of safe cycling in the hope of reducing traffic accidents involving cyclists.