AROUND THE EARTH IN JURONG

Forty students from Jurong Junior College (JJC), along with qualified Beijing Paralympics 2008 contestant Muhammad Firdaus Nordin, 19, gather on the track to get ready to walk, run or in-line skate the circumference of the globe.

Joining them two weeks ago were participants from several schools and institutions including Singapore Management University (SMU), Telok Kurau Secondary School and the Handicaps Welfare Association.

Their aim – to complete 100,000 laps of JJC’s 400m track – a distance equal the earth’s circumference – to raise awareness for student volunteers and disability sports.

They managed to complete only 34,000 laps but have so far raised $50,000 in corporate donations.

The amount is set to increase to at least $80,000 after pledge cards for $5 per lap are collected this week, said organisers.