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“The Spirit of Malaysia” Flies Into North America in April

LOS ANGELES – On March 26th, Malaysian Captain James Anthony Tan took off from Langkawi, Malaysia, on a mission t be the youngest pilot to fly solo around the world in a single engine aircraft. His expedition will take him across the Northe Hemisphere, visiting 20 countries with 30 scheduled stops, including a seven-city tour in the U.S. and Canada in mid-April.

Tan, 21, is flying solo in a Cessna 210 Eagle, dubbed The Spirit of Malaysia. His quest, “1Malaysia Round the World,” is 21,900 nautical mile route to be completed in 50 days. He will fly across North America from April 5th-18th, with stops Anchorage, Juneau, Vancouver, Denver, Indianapolis, Teterboro, and St. Johns. His journey will also take him to Thailan Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Pakistan, India, and Myanmar.

Through his expedition, Tan wants to inspire the world’s youth to explore the world. Having been born with dyslexia, he als wishes to raise awareness on the issues faced by children with special needs and empower them to chase their own dream no matter how impossible they may seem.

Upon the successful completion of his expedition, Tan will not only be the youngest pilot to fly solo around the world in a sing engine aircraft, but will also be the one to do it in the shortest duration among the youth record holders of this categor recognized by the World Record Academy. He has already been inducted into the Malaysia Book of Records for his previou expedition of 13,000 nautical miles from the United Kingdom to Bangkok and back, completed in 2012.

For more information on “1Malaysia Round the World” and to track Tan’s journey, visit www.1rtw.com.my.

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