

Blindness not a hindrance

Three refuse to let disease prevent them from Mt. Kinabalu mission

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Spreading the message: (From left) Firdaus, Chan and Cheok will attempt to scale Mount Kinabalu on Oct 11 to raise awareness about glaucoma.

KUALA LUMPUR: They might be visually impaired, but that is not stopping three Malaysians from attempting to scale Mount Kinabalu.

Stevens Chan, 49, Mohd Firdaus, 23, and Cheok Zien Yinn, 26, will try to conquer South-East Asia's highest peak on Oct 11 to raise awareness on glaucoma and funds for 20 patients.

All three suffer from glaucoma, which is the second leading cause of blindness in Malaysia.

Seven volunteers will assist them on the climb, which is also being held to commemorate World Sight Day on Oct 13.