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Another RM150,000 for Everest climbers

FUELLING A NATIONAL PRIDE ... Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (left) accepting a mock cheque for RM150,000 from Eveready Battery Company (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd's managing director J.D. Kuffer at a fund-raising dinner for the Malaysia-Everest '97 project at the Putra World Trade Centre two nights ago.

In a brief speech, Muhyiddin said in attempting to plant the national flag at the top of the highest peak in the world, the Malaysian climbing team would be an inspiration for all Malaysians in future endeavours.

The dinner raised about RM480,000 for the project, which was officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in June last year.

Members of the team recently reached Camp 3 at 7,469 metres of the 8,848m-high peak. They are expected to reach the summit between May 10 and 15.

The project is jointly organised by the ministry, the Malaysian Climbing Association and the Sports and Cultural Foundation of Malaysia.

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