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Marina: Fashion Aid '97 a success

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Fashion Aid '97 organising committee chairman Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir said the two-day sales and auction event was a success, netting a collection of RM164,140.32.

She said the response from the public had been outstanding, showing that Malaysians were caring and supportive of the event which was held to raise funds for AIDS education, prevention and care.

"The members of the organising committee and I personally were overwhelmed by the thousands of people who approached us with kind words of support and encouragement for our role in highlighting issues regarding HIV and AIDS.

"Although we fell short of our target of RM250,000, we are much richer knowing that public empathy and knowledge have been enhanced significantly."

Marina, who is also the president of Malaysian AIDS Council, thanked the public their generosity as well as the various contributors for their donations and members of the entertainment and broadcasting fraternity who took part.

Among the celebrity items auctioned at the event were those contributed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, South African president Nelson Mandela and Formula One driver Michael Schumacher.

Marina said the unsold items at the event would be donated to various care centres under the MAC as well as other charitable welfare institutions.

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