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Negri dinner in aid of AIDS foundation

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AS guests strolled in, it appeared on first impression that the function was for couples to mark Valentine's Day.

However, it was just a fund-raising dinner organised by the Jelebu branch of the Malaysian Indian Congress in aid of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

Negri Sembilan Regent Tunku Naquiyuddin Tuanku Jaafar and his consort Tunku Nurulhayati Tunku Bahador were the guests-of-honour at the charity dinner, which was attended by 300 people.

Malaysian AIDS Council president Marina Mahathir, who was unable to be present, was represented by foundation trustee A. Vythilingam.

Organising chairman Mariayee Raman Kutty managed to get donors to pledge RM33,000 to the foundation.

The donors presented mock cheques to the Regent during the event.

Among them was Berjaya Ditan executive director Datuk Michael Cheah.

Also present at the Malam Amal AIDS dinner were MP for Telok Kemang Dr L. Krishnan, State Executive Councillor M. Sundram, State Assemblyman Sella Krishnan, Rombus general manager V. Manogaran, Tunku Datin Noorahaniah Tunku Shamsuddin and Tunku Shaliza Shamsul Bahari.

Housing Developers Association chairman Datuk A. Ponniah, its vice-chairman Raja Massaha Raja Harun and committee members Malar Kandiah, Mrs E.M. Arulrajah and Amy Chua also turned up for the function.

Also there were Aziah Laila, Suzanna Datuk Yaacob, Mohamed Shukri Mohamed Zain, Datin Junie Cheah, K. Geja, Asfa Sani, Zaidah Idris and Tunku Ellie Badariah.

Emcee Harun Awal kept the crowd entertained with his lively jokes.

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