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PM to inaugurate liver foundation

PETALING JAYA, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the Malaysian Liver Foundation during a charity dinner to be held on Aug 13 at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel.

The dinner is organised by MLF and the Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur South with the Sungei Way Group as the main sponsor of the event.

MLF president Datuk Dr Ismail Merican told a Press conference yesterday that during the dinner, Dr Mahathir would personally accept cheques for RM50,000 and above from donors. All donations are tax-exempt.

He said Dr Mahathir is also the patron of the foundation which was registered last year as a non-profit organisation to educate the Malaysian public on liver diseases, especially hepatitis and liver cancer.

The foundation's trustees are Tun Mohammed Hanif Omar, Datuk Paduka Dr Saleha Mohd Ali and Sungei Way Group president Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah.

Dr Ismail said Dr Mahathir had suggested setting up the foundation after opening the Asia-Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver meeting hosted by Malaysia in 1994.

"Dr Mahathir wanted a foundation that could enhance knowledge of liver diseases among the public."

Dr Ismail said in Malaysia, about 2.5 million people were infected with hepatitis. Of these, 25 per cent were at risk of serious infections and eventual death from cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Those interested in attending the charity dinner can contact the foundation at tel: 03-2543455/2543566 or fax: 03-2530900.

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