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RM200,000 boost for trust fund

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Trust Fund today received RM200,000 from YTL Corporation Bhd, Berjaya Sports Toto Bhd and Admiral Cove Development Sdn Bhd.

The donation was presented to Fisheries Department director-general Datuk Mohd Mazlan Jusoh on behalf of the trust fund.

YTL Corporation Bhd, represented by its executive director Mark Yeoh, contributed a cheque for RM100,000.

Admiral Cove Development Sdn Bhd, represented by its director Tan Sin Chong and Berjaya Sports Toto Bhd, represented by its senior general manager (operations) Vincent S.P. Seow, each contributed RM50,000 to the trust fund.

Formed in 1987, the trust fund was introduced to ensure that the marine life is protected and preserved through educational, research and marine park management programmes.

Mohd Mazlan said the department required a lot of support from all parties especially the private sector in protecting the marine parks.

"We need support from the private sector and this kind of contributions could help fund the maintenance of the marine parks," he said.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Sport Diving Association together with the Fisheries Department will organise a fund-raising dinner for the trust fund next month.

MSDA president Mukhriz Mahathir said it was important to protect the parks as they played a significant role in tourism.

"Malaysia has beautiful reefs that attract divers from other countries and it is our role to create awareness among the public on the importance of maintaining their beauty," he said.

Mukhriz added that the association would support any awareness programme conducted by the Fisheries Department.

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