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Seven companies contribute RM300,731 to nine charities

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Seven public listed corporations showed their generosity when they contributed RM300,731.65 to nine charities in aid of orphans, senior citizens, the disabled and Storm Greg victims.

The contribution was from surplus proceeds of Rainforest Week, organised from March 30 to April 5 last year by Renong Bhd, Malaysia Airlines Bhd, Sungei Way Group, Ekran Bhd, YTL Corporation Bhd, the Berjaya Group and the DRB-Hicom Group.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, today presented cheques to:

- * Sabah State Natural Disaster Committee (RM50,000);
- * Children's Environment Heritage Foundation (RM50,000);
- * National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (RM50,000);
- * Persatuan Pusat Kebajikan Insan (RM25,000);
- * Rumah Sejahtera Taman Bahagia of Kuala Terengganu (RM25,000);
- * Kiwanis Down's Syndrome Foundation (RM25,000);
- * Sabah Society for the Blind (RM25,000);
- * Pertubuhan Kebajikan Asrama Anak Yatim Ghazalitul Aishah (RM25,000);

and,

- * Malaysian Thalassaemia Association (RM25,731.65).

Siti Hasmah said Malaysia was fortunate in having a corporate sector that empathised with the unfortunate. "We owe a lot to these seven companies who kindly organised the Rainforest Week," she said.

Rainforest Week, designed to showcase Malaysia's rainforest conservation efforts, involved dinner and entertainment events at Putra World Trade Centre's Merdeka Hall.

Earlier, Siti Hasmah received RM250,000 from Arab-Malaysian group chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim on behalf of the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti). Siti Hasmah is president of the association.

The money was payment from the Azman Hashim Foundation for the sale of a Lotus Elise which had been donated to Bakti by the DRB-Hicom Group during the Malaysia Incorporated Golf Dinner last month to support Bakti's fund-raising efforts.

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