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Treasure hunt raises RM13,000 for two bodies

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - A treasure hunt yesterday raised more than RM13,000 for the National Kidney Foundation and National Autistic Society of Malaysia.

The treasure hunt was organised by the University of the Hull Alumni Association Malaysia and Lions Club Kuala Lumpur.

Organising committee chairman Peter Chee Kok Wee said the event, held for the first time, had attracted more than 100 participants in over 30 vehicles.

The treasure hunt began at the Damansara town centre and ended at Amber Court, Genting Highlands.

The winners won RM5,000 in cash prizes and sponsored items.

Higher Education Learning Programme Institute's executive chairman Datuk Paduka Saleha Mohamed Ali flagged off the participants.

Others who helped in organising the run were University of Hull Alumni Malaysia executive committee president John S.C. Loh, HELP Institute special project manager Chow Sook Kew and the institute's post-graduate centre director Dr Leo Fredericks.

Saleha said HELP's participation was due to its efforts to promote charity work especially among private colleges.

"The financial bottom line should not be the only concern of private colleges because as institutions which provide education for the country's development, they should not neglect their social responsibility.

"Twinning programmes with foreign universities for instance should be designed to enable those who could less afford the cost of higher education to attain it."

Saleha, who is the elder sister of Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said HELP Institute was offering such twinning programmes with Hull University and several others.

"This is in line with the Government's efforts to reduce the number of our students abroad as well as giving students from the lower-income group options to further their studies."

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