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Ampang Jaya council collects RM68,000 for National Special Fund

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Ampang Jaya Municipal Council raised RM68,000 on its first day of collection for the National Special Fund to help revive the economy.

Council president Mohamad Nik who received the donations today said the amount had surpassed the council's minimum target of RM50,000.

"We hope to raise about RM100,000 before the money is given to the Selangor Government by the middle of next month," he said, adding that MPAJ was the first local authority in Selangor to collect money for the fund.

The donation was received from the councillors (RM2,500), staff (RM500), Smith Kline and Beecham (RM10,000), cleaning contractors: in Ampang (RM16,000), in Pandan (RM15,000), Lembah Jaya (RM11,000) and Hulu Klang (RM9,000), and landscape contractor Faraza Holdings Sdn Bhd (RM2,000).

The donations were received in a ceremony at its headquarters today.

Also present were the State Assemblymen for Ampang Datuk Mufti Shuib, Md Aris Md Yusof (Pandan) and Ismail Kijo (Lembah Jaya).

Mohamad said during a meeting organised by the Hulu Langat District Office, it was agreed that MPAJ would only collect donations from its contractors and developers in the municipality while the district office would collect donations from the public and other appointed non-Governmental organisations.

Earlier in his speech, Mohamad said the Selangor Government hoped to raise between RM6 million and RM10 million for the fund and the collection would be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his State visit on Aug 25.

Although the public donation would not be able to achieve the amount needed to revive the economy, which according to some economists was between RM30 and RM40 billion, Mohamad said the willingness to contribute would prove the patriotic spirit of the people.

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