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Entrepreneur gives 10 gold bars to special fund

ALL THAT GLITTERS ... And it was all 10kg of gold that brought a glitter to the eyes of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a Commonwealth Games fund raising campaign in Bangsar last night.

The surprise contribution towards the National Special Fund was from textile entrepreneur O.K. Mohd Haniffa, owner of the popular Haniffa Textiles Store in Kuala Lumpur.

The 10 gold bars were worth about RM400,000.

The Prime Minister and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali returned to Bangsar after its residents and businessmen took up his challenge to donate another RM500,000 towards the Commonwealth Games.

Dr Mahathir had made the challenge when he opened the 16th Commonwealth Games Bangsar Carnival on Aug 15.

Among those present at what was described as a 'mini' Bangsar Carnival were Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Minister Datuk Loke Yuen Yow, Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Shahrizat Jalil, who is also MP for Lembah Pantai, and Sukom 98 Bhd chairman Jen (Rtd) Tan Sri Hashim Mohamed Ali.

Dr Mahathir told those present at Q-Doz Restaurant that he was pleased with the donations and the golden contribution made the event more memorable.

"As people continue to say we will have problems, etc. ... we have proven once again that we are committed towards the nation's recovery.

"And this contribution in gold should also be emulated by our sportsmen and sportswomen participating in the Games towards our medal tally," he added to a rousing applause.

Jointly organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry, the office of Lembah Pantai MP, the Bangsar Baru Business Council and residents' associations, tonight's event brought contributors in full force, including one from Singapore.

They were second time donor Datuk Shahril Tan Sri Shamsuddin who is Sapura Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd president (RM150,000), Gapurna Sdn Bhd managing director Datuk Salim Fateh Din (RM100,000), Apex Communications Group executive chairman Abdullah Ali (RM60,000) and Sympo 98 Sdn Bhd managing director Datuk Idris Wahed (RM30,000).

Those who contributed RM20,000 were Sabah-based Sutera Harbour Resort chief executive office Edward Ong, Federation of Women Entrepreneurs Association chairman Datuk Nor Azah Awin and IJM Corporation Bhd group managing director Krishnan Tan Boon Seng.

Krishnan also contributed another RM15,000 on behalf of the Cobra, the rugby association.

Contributing RM10,000 were YTL (M) Sdn Bhd managing director Tan Sri Francis Yeoh, Stockbrokers Association chairperson Mohaiyani Shamsuddin, KAF Discount Bhd chairman Datuk Khatijah Ahmad, Primosoft Sdn Bhd managing director Datuk Mohd Ariffin Yusuf, Kumpulan Pinang Usahasama Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Datuk Anuar Othman, IWK executive chairman Datuk Dr Mohd Aminuddin Rouse, Farlim Group (M) Bhd group executive director Datuk Mohd Iqbal, Kelang Multi Terminal Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk G. Gnanalingam, Syarikat Yamazaki Mazak (Singapore) Pte Ltd managing director Takashi Yamazaki, PJS Industry Group representative Dr Mohd Nong and Innovation Engineering managing director Rayner Lee.

Last night's collection brings the total contributions to

RM1,052,912.50.

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