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Esso Malaysia donates RM50,000 to Bakti

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Esso Malaysia donated RM50,000 to the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) today, keeping true to its promise of increasing charitable contributions despite the current economic problems.

Esso chairman Philip J. Dingle handed the cheque to Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, who is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wife, at the Prime Minister's residence, Sri Perdana.

Dingle said Esso had been contributing RM50,000 annually to Bakti for the past 15 years.

"We believe Bakti has some very good programmes," he said.

Dingle said Bakti had shown the way towards a caring and progressive society and its work should be emulated by all Malaysians.

He also said Esso had increased its budget for its Employee Involvement Programme to RM40,000 this year from RM20,000 in 1997.

Under the programme, grants are given to employees who are actively involved in community service.

Last month, Dingle had said Esso would increase financial contributions for community projects despite the current economic problems.

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