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Perak collects RM1.3mil for fund

IPOH, Sat. - Perak has collected RM1.3 million from State Government departments, agencies, the private sector and individuals for Dana Negara (national fund).

Of this RM60,000, which was donated by State Government staff, was handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir during the latter's visit to Grik last March.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said the remainder would be handed to the Prime Minister early next month.

"There will be more contributions collected after this as well, as this is only the first stage," he said after receiving contributions from donors yesterday.

Among those who each contributed RM100,000 towards the fund were the State Agricultural Development Corporation, Baiduri (organisation of wives of Perak elected representatives), Gopeng Berhad, Yayasan Perak, Taiko Plantations, Fima Berhad and the State Development Corporation.

Perak Umno, Perak MCA, Farmers Organisation Authority and the Backbenchers Club donated RM20,000 each while Perak MIC gave RM10,000.

The others included Puspanita, Perak FMM, Tasek Cement, Lumut Maritime Terminal, Perak Rukun Tetangga, Malay Chamber of Commerce and Bumiputera Contractors, various banks, Safeskin Corporation, Gerakan, and the Consumer affairs division.

Ramli, who donated RM10,000 towards the fund, said the amount collected was very encouraging and showed the people's support for reviving the economy.

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