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Tasputra to hold dinner in honour of Tunku

IN honour of the first Prime Minister of Malaysia, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Tasputra Perkim, a day-care centre for handicapped children in Kuala Lumpur, is organising a charity dinner at Hotel Nikko on Aug 31.

The Tunku, as Malaysia's first premier, was instrumental in the setting up of Tasputra when he gave the initial donation of RM10,000 to start operations.

He will be honoured during the event themed Tasputra Remembers Bapa Merdeka-Charity Dinner.

The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah will grace the event.

The patron for the night will be Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Tasputra Perkim chairman Elahe Norman said this at a Press conference held at the Hotel Nikko in Kuala Lumpur recently.

Present were Hotel Nikko public relations manager Catherine Chew, Habib Jewels advertisement and promotions manager Latifah Husein and Tasputra committee members Puan Putri Junieta Johari, Zainee Kamariah Zainal Abidin, Matthias Cheng, Edwin Saw Kheng Lim, Siti Khatijah Kok Abdullah, Intan Rohana, Grace Jackson and Hasnita Hasan.

Elahe said besides it being a fund-raising event, the dinner was also to show their appreciation to donors, well-wishers and volunteers whose help and assistance had added warmth and joy to the special children and their families.

The evening's programme will feature the history and activities of the centre through a video presentation and guests will be entertained by a drum performance by the special children.

Elahe said The Singing Shop and Kombo Rejimen Askar Melayu Di-Raja would be performing.

Culpeper House will add a sweet note to the evening with aromatherapy.

Elahe said there would also be a silent auction of paintings by local artist Ferry Anugerah Makmur as well as jewellery donated by Habib Jewels and Fa'iq Jewellery Sdn Bhd.

She added that the diamond jewellery from Habib Jewels was worth RM20,000 and the piece was from the personal collection of Meer Habib. It will be auctioned together with the other pieces from Fa'iq Jewellery.

The other sponsors for the event include Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, Dale Lokman Communications Sdn Bhd, Far East Medical Sdn Bhd, Klinik Kita, Permanis Sdn Bhd, Iran Air, Cotton Wood Sdn Bhd and Kathrine Florist.

Elahe said a considerable number of tables and advertisement space in the souvenir programme, called the Book of Activities, had been sold but the centre was still be seeking public support to help it through difficult times.

"We have targeted about RM250,000 to cover the expenses of the centre which houses 41 handicapped children, and to find professional people to mind the centre which is located at Ampang Hilir."

Elahe also called on more corporate bodies to come forward in aid of the centre and contribute in cash or kind in aid of its development.

Those wishing to contribute can contact the home at 03-4516100, fax 03-4518619 or visit the centre at 3498, Jalan Ampang Hilir 5, Kuala Lumpur.

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