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Aseana auction for charity

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IF everyone contributes to the welfare of the needy, the world would be a better place for all.

This may be the spirit of the fund, "Darling Child - A Charity Auction", which was recently launched to help two main charity organisations - Future Mind Centre and Institut Tengku Ampuan Afzan.

Farah Khan, president and owner of Aseana in Suria KLCC, said the public should not forget the less fortunate such as handicapped children and orphans.

Farah was speaking after the presentation ceremony of RM787,500 in donations to 14 charity organisations at Aseana recently.

Future Mind Centre received RM307,500 while Institut Tengku Ampuan Afzan received RM300,000.

The most notable effort was a dinner cooked by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, which, after intensive bidding, was auctioned off to Asia Mediareach Sdn Bhd for RM135,000.

The second highest bid was RM35,000, from Datuk Salim Khan, for a one-week stay at a private villa in Batujimbar, Bali.

Farah said the fund had raised four times the original target amount of RM200,000.

This had enabled the organisers to donate to 12 other charity organisations.

The organisations were Shepard's Centre Foundation, Rumah Hope, Persatuan Pusat Kebajikan Insan Malaysia, Persatuan Jantung Hatiku Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, Shelter Home for (Abused) Women and Children in Seremban, Dyslexia Association in Federal Territory, Society for the Severely Mentally Handicapped in Selangor and Federal Territory, Women's Aid Organisation, Pertubuhan Rumah Amal Cahaya Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Young Men's Christian Association, National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia and Amanah Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah.

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