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Eurasians show patriotism

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SHE is only four-years-old, but the enthusiasm shown by Tammy Singho when colouring the Jalur Gemilang was evident of her nascent patriotism, even if she was not fully aware of its significance.

Tammy, her cousin Beverley Singho, 12, and some 12 Eurasian children painted the national flag at the Selangor and Federal Territory Eurasian Association (Saftea) Clubhouse in Jalan Pudu recently.

The children hoped to present the flag to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with the National Day celebrations.

The association also pledged financial assistance to Jonathan Mark Danker, 17, who faces difficulty in meeting his schooling expenses. His father Nelson P. Danker is a part-time electrician.

Saftea vice-president Datuk N. Peterson said Jonathan had to do part-time work to supplement the family income and did not have enough time to study.

Association president J.P. Monteiro handed over the Education Fund Committee's recommendation to pay for Jonathan's books and provide a RM250 monthly stipend from September to November.

Peterson said the young man's heritage, academic performance and extra-curricular record entitled him to funding.

Jonathan received a cheque for RM600 and an undisclosed sum as a personal contribution from the president and his wife, Jean Monteiro.

Peterson said the association is facing problems over the land on which the club stands.

"The matter was brought to the attention of Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department," he said.

Tengku Azlan who visited the clubhouse on May 28, invited Saftea to meet Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia, over the matter.

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