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Move to aid liver patients

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THE Malaysian Liver Foundation, with the co-operation of Golden Screen Cinemas, held a charity screening of the latest Mel Gibson blockbuster, The Patriot, last week.

The event was attended by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and the Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah.

Other guests at the charity premiere were Health Minister Datuk Seri Chua Jui Meng, and members of the foundation's board of trustees Tun Mohamad Hanif Omar and Datuk Paduka Dr Saleha Mohd Ali.

By screening The Patriot, a film about an American war veteran who becomes a reluctant revolutionary, the foundation hoped to raise a substantial amount of funds for its public education, training programmes and research in all aspects of liver diseases.

The Malaysian Liver Council president Datuk Dr Ismail Merican said more must be done to raise awareness concerning liver-related diseases, and the proceeds of the charity premiere would allow for such activities.

The Malaysian Liver Foundation is the only national voluntary, non-profit organisation dedicated to public education, training of doctors and research into all aspects of liver diseases especially hepatitis and liver cancer.

Its patron is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. More details about the foundation is available at www.liver.org.my, or e-mail: mlf@pd.jaring.my or fax 603-4303452.

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