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Putting for a worthy cause

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Test your putting skills at the Mines Resort and Golf Club and contribute towards helping abused women.

With a minimum donation of RM2 to the Women's Aid Organisation, the public can join the 'Canon Charity Putting for Abused Women' programme and stand to win calculators, cameras and colour fax machines, compliments of Canon Marketing (M) Sdn Bhd.

The putting competition, to be held from Dec 1 to 3 in conjunction with the Women's World Cup Golf, is organised by Canon and WAO to raise RM50,000 for a new resource and public education centre.

WAO president Meera Samanther, speaking at a Press briefing today, said the new centre would help increase public awareness on violence against women, while pushing for legal reforms.

WAO member Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said firms had moved beyond donating money to forming smart partnerships with non-governmental bodies in helping the community deal with social issues.

Canon corporate products division general manager Lim Kok Hin said WAO experts estimated that statistics on women abuse were as high as 39 per cent of households and workplaces.

"This translates to more than one out of three Malaysian women having been somewhat abused ..."

WAO executive secretary Ivy Josiah said that there were 3,992 reported cases of violence against women from January to September - 2,136 of domestic violence, 926 of rape and 930 of outraging modesty.

The public may also send cheques payable to Women's Aid Organisation at P.O. Box 493, Jalan Sultan, 46760 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Donations are tax exempt.

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