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Tribute to media women

MANDARIN Hotel Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with National Women's Day, recently treated a group of women in media to an afternoon tea tribute at the hotel's Executive Club Lounge, in recognition of their dedicated work and excellence in media reporting.

About 30 women media editors and journalists attended the celebration which was also attended by Malaysian AIDS Foundation chairman Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir.

A prominent society figure in the media, Marina is often noted for her relentless drive in writing about vital issues of national and global importance.

At the event, Mandarin Hotel general manager Christian Hassing presented a donation worth RM5,000 to the foundation as a way to support the propagation of AIDS awareness in areas of education, prevention and care.

The hotel is also a principal sponsor of the Red Ribbon Gala Dinner this month.

Hotel director of sales and marketing Wendy Mitchinson said the afternoon was dedicated to the spirit of womanhood, in particular women of the media, who continue to inspire and influence others around them.

"Mandarin Hotel Kuala Lumpur fully acknowledges and greatly values the strides women in media have taken to help increase public awareness of the role and status of women in society, in achieving a better life for themselves," she said.

In keeping with honouring the intrinsic abilities and individualism of women, the afternoon also celebrated the works of three talented Malaysian women - Taheera, Yee I-Lann and the late Hamidah Abdul Rahman.

An upcoming singer/songwriter, Taheera's soothing voice delighted the women through an afternoon of smooth jazz, whilst a showcase of art works by local female artists I-Lan and Hamidah reflected the mystique of women expressed in an upbeat, humorous and quirky manner.

The afternoon tea celebration concluded with a presentation of custom-designed floral bouquets bearing the hotel's insignia fan and special signature gift for each of the guests.

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