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RM2.8 MILLION RAISED AT BAKTI CHARITY DINNER

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- About RM2.8 million was collected at a Bakti charity dinner tonight which was held to raise funds for building the Bakti Community Centre in Bukit Kiara here.

A total of 44 organisations presented cheques for between RM30,000 and RM200,000 to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is patron of Bakti, the charitable and welfare organisation of wives of ministers and deputy ministers.

Bakti president Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali said that by having its own building, Bakti could expand its charitable activities.

In her speech, she said the proposed centre would be used for counselling people of all age-groups who are facing problems.

"It will be a place for them to seek shelter and to place their hopes on," she said.

At the dinner, Dr Mahathir sang the late P. Ramlee's song entitled "Tunggu Sekejap" while Dr Siti Hasmah gave a rendition of "Gubahanku" to the loud applause of the guests.

Other Bakti members also gave their presentations.

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