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## Seeking to help kidney patients

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Islamic Specialist Doctors Association Malaysia hopes to establish its first haemodialysis centre in Seremban as part of its welfare and education programme.

Isdam is a non-profitable and non-governmental organisation with Muslim specialists and doctors as members. It was opened Sept 14 1999 by Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In conjunction with Isdam's fund-raising campaign, several donors presented mock cheques to Isdam president Dr M.A. Sidek Nontak at Angkasapuri, through its Tabung Ihsan Sang Wira (Tiswi).

Tenaga Nasional Berhad assistant director of corporate communication Mohd Zaki Salleh contributed RM10,000 and British businessman Gordon J. Kirley, who has lived in Malaysia for 56 years, made a personal contribution of RM50,000.

Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad communication manager Angelin Lim and managing director Srimuda Electronic and Engineering Malaysia Sdn Bhd, contributed RM3,000 each.

Azni Musa Construction Sdn Bhd managing director Azni Musa has offered the lower part building of Azni Musa Construction Sdn Bhd as Isdam's Haemodialysis Centre. He presented a miniature replica of the building at the event.

Also present for the event were Isdam's treasurer Datuk Dr Che Rus Mohd Nor and secretary general Dr Mohd Husin Said.

Tiswi directors, Mohd Helam Abu and Norlina Nordin, were also present. The event was covered live by RTM through the morning programme Jendela Pagi.

"Our priority is to collect funds for patients with hole in the heart and kidney patients requiring dialysis," said Dr Sidek Nontak, who is also the director of Tiswi.

"So far, we have assisted three patients with hole in the heart and 29 kidney patients requiring dialysis," Dr Sidek said.

"For this project in Seremban, we hope to raise RM500,000 but we have only raised RM66,000 so far."

Donations can be made to "Isdam-Tabung Ihsan Sang Wira" at No. 8-3, Lorong 6C/91, Taman Shamelin Perkasa, 56100 Kuala Lumpur. (tel no: 03-9861000/03-92006287 and fax no: 03-9200628).

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