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Selangor Turf Club raises RM500,000 for charity

GENEROUS: Dr Siti Hasmah receiving the cheque for RM500,000 from Tengku Shahabuddin (left). Looking on are Dr Mahathir and Cham. KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali attended the Selangor Turf Club (STC) Equestrian and Sports Centre charity gala dinner at a hotel here.

A total of RM500,000 was raised for the Organisation of Ministers and Deputy Ministers Wives (Bakti) in a charity auction during the dinner.

Two bidders, Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew and Robin Tan, bid RM50,000 and RM100,000 respectively for a royal silver salver designed by the Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Tengku Anis Tengku Abdul Hamid and an abstract painting Refuge to the Ocean Floor by Ng Foo Heong.

The STC contributed RM350,000, bringing the sum donated to Bakti to RM500,000.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is Bakti president, received the cheque from STC chairman Tengku Shahabuddin Tunku Besar Burhanuddin and organising chairman Datuk Richard Cham.

Some 1,200 people from the equestrian circle attended the dinner. A tribute was paid to Dr Mahathir for his achievements through a musical, Pegasus: What Dreams May Come.

Present were Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, Finance Minister II Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis, who is also president of the Equestrian Association of Malaysia, and chairman of Malaysian Equine Council Tun Mohammad Hanif Omar

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