

Dinner raises RM500,000 to build

Aceh school

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KUALA LUMPUR: The RM500,000 raised at a charity gala dinner co-organised by the Indonesian Embassy on Friday will be used to build a school in tsunami-ravaged Aceh.

The 95 dinner tables were sold for between RM3,000 and RM10,000 each.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was the guest of honour.

Present were Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Putrajaya MP Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, Berjaya Group chairman Tan Sri Vincent Tan, Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Datuk Ruslin Hassan and Malaysian Acehnese Association head Tan Sri Sanusi Junid.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said as one of Indonesia's closest neighbour Malaysia must continue to help the Acehnese, especially the children.

"If such a disaster were to occur in Malaysia, I'm sure Indonesians would be just as supportive of us," he added.

Indonesian Ambassador K.P.H. Rusdihardjo thanked the Government and the people.

He said the school would also have an orphanage and a mosque.