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Cash aid from Arab women

THREE organisations comprising the Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), the Society for the Severe Physically and Mentally Handicapped, and the Institut Masalah Pembelajaran Autisme Malaysia (Impian) Autism Centre received much-needed financial assistance from the Arab Women's Association Kuala Lumpur recently.

The WAO president Meera Samanther received RM10,000, the Society for the Severe Physically and Mentally Handicapped council member Noriah Abdul Rahman received RM4,000 while Impian chairman Dr K. Mangalaveni received RM3,000.

Arab Women's Association president Awatif Baarma presented the cheque, witnessed by social activist Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir at Shangri-La Hotel recently.

Baarma said the amount was raised from a series of charity programmes held by the association last year. They included dinners, Arabian food fair and bazaar, and cultural shows.

She said the association had raised funds for the Palestine and Arab students pursuing their education in Malaysia. The Arab Women Association is aimed at introducing Arabian culture to non-Arabs.

It has 80 Arabs and Arabic-speaking members.