

King, Queen Participate in YSB Charity Auction
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ALOR SETAR, May 31 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah took part in an auction at the Caring Day Charity Carnival 2014 at the Darul Aman Stadium here Saturday.

The carnival, an annual event organised by the Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation (YSB), is aimed at raising funds to help unfortunate people in Kedah.

His Majesty raised RM35,000 in an auction for an oil canvas painting, 'Horses of Glory, and another RM20,000 for a long keris (sword).

Her Majesty raised RM35,000 through an auction of a picture of a sculptured metal flower and another RM3,000 for a painting.

Among the items auctioned off at the event was a portrait of the royal couple.

A total of 20 items were auctioned at the event, raising RM750,000 for YSB.

Also present at the event were the Tunku Temenggong of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah; the Tunku Laksamana of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani Sultan Badlishah and the Tunku Panglima Besar of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Shafinaz Sultan Abdul Halim, who is also YSB chairman.

Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir and state executive council members were also present.

Meanwhile, a businessman bought a small lump of crushed ice for RM80,000 at the event.

Epic Valley Holdings Sdn Bhd managing director Tan Sri Dr Fng Ah Seng said the proceeds of his bid would go to Yayasan Sultanah Bahiyah (YSB).

Fng, who is also the chairman of his foundation, Yayasan Muhibah Tan Sri Fng Ah Seng, said it was his third time in bidding a high price for the item. He made a similar gesture of RM50,000 in 2012 and 2013.

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