

Tunku's golf club up for sale

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No 6 Wood among items on auction at eBay

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PETALING JAYA: A handcrafted made-to-fit golf club that used to belong to the first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman is up for bidding on eBay to raise funds for the Women's Institute of Management's (WIM) Social Development Fund.

Tunku's long-time aide-de-camp Owen Chung donated the golf club, a Kenneth Smith No 6 Wood.

"I was his regular golf partner, and he gave me two clubs while I was working for him. I have no money, but I have some mementoes from Tunku to donate," said Chung who was with the Tunku for 18 years.

The golf club is up on eBay Malaysia with a starting bid of RM6,000.

WIM started collecting items to be auctioned from its members, and eminent members of society about five years ago, but has only started putting them up for bids on e-Bay recently.

"The auction is to raise money for WIM's Social Development Fund which is used to organise training courses for disadvantaged women



PIECE OF HISTORY: Chin showing the golf club with the Tunku's name engraved on it. The opening bid for it is RM6,000.

such as single mothers, prisoners and rural women. We do not give cash, but provide training for them to acquire skills," said WIM's senior manager Cecilia Chin.

WIM has managed to collect more than 50 items from prominent Malaysians, such as former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tan Sri Khir Johari.

There are also historical items such as a telegram from the late Tun Tan Cheng Lock and an antique porcelain bowl that belonged to Kapitan Yap Kwan Seng.

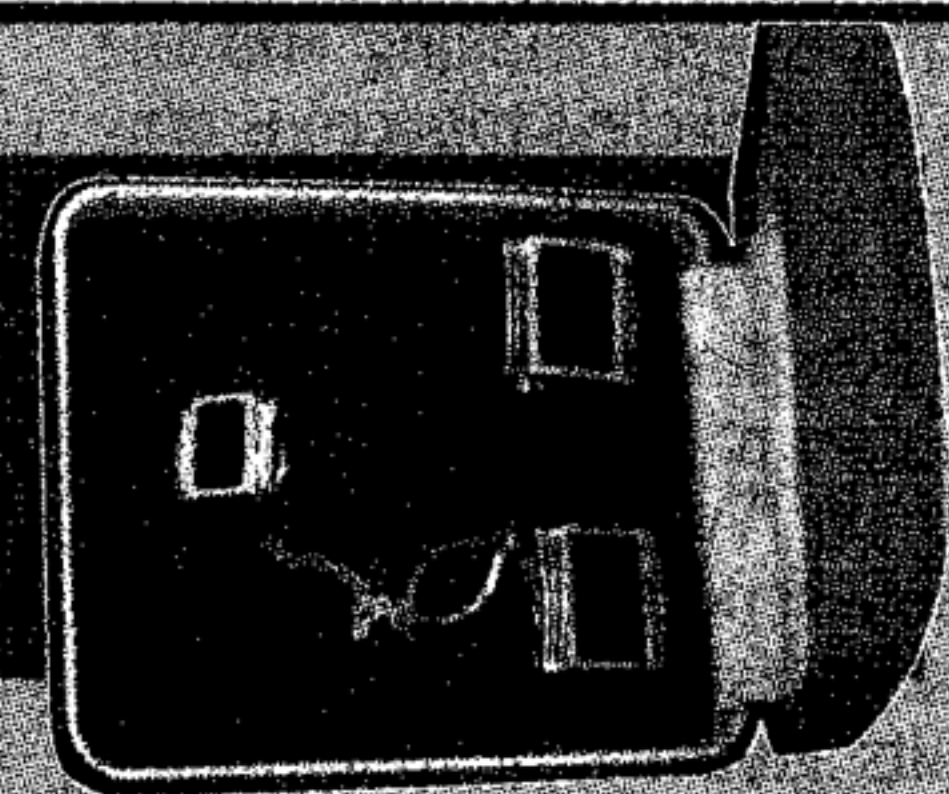
"Many items have been put up for auction on our website, but the response has been poor. As a non-governmental organisation, we could not afford to engage professionals to conduct the auction. So, we will be putting up more items on the eBay.

"WIM also needs a valuer to volunteer his services. We need a professional to help us evaluate some of the items we have collected," said Chin.

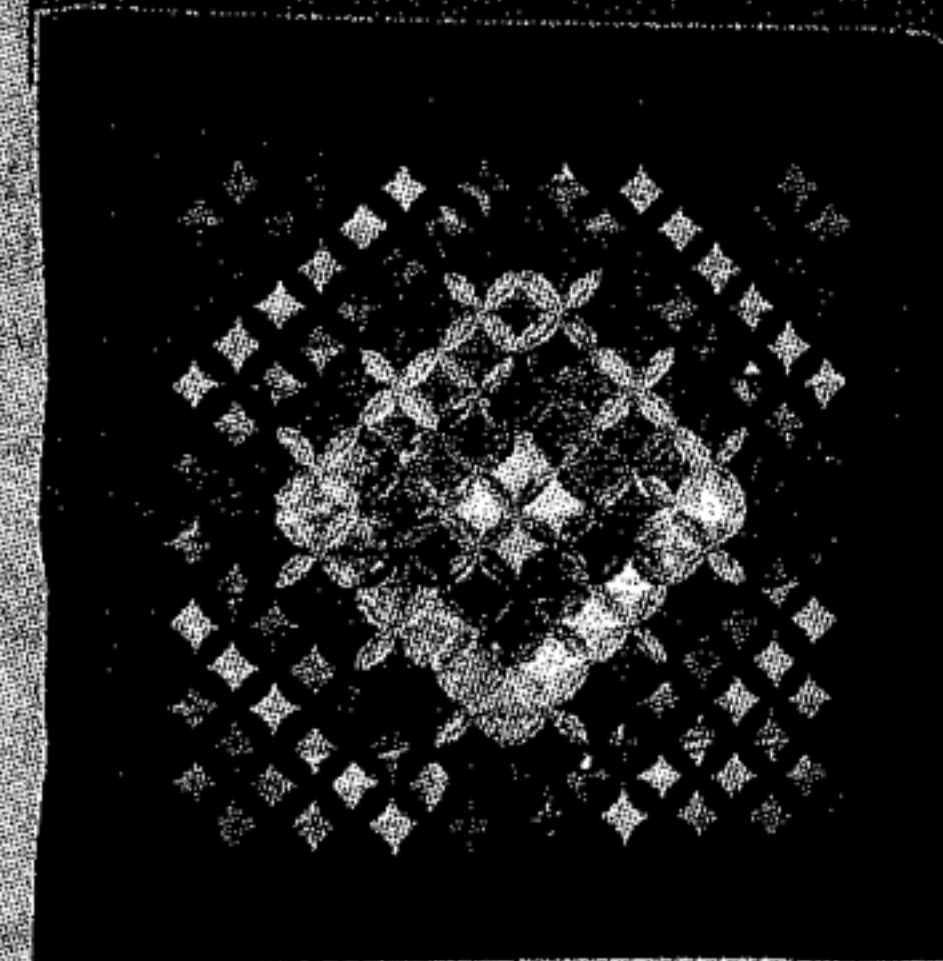
For more information or to view items for auction call Cecilia Chin at 03-77250268/88 or visit www.wim-net.org.my

OTHER ITEMS FOR AUCTION

Silver and lapis lazuli cufflinks and tie pin, with autograph on the box. Donated by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Starting bid: RM5,000



A handmade patchwork wall hanging entitled 'Cathedral Windows' by the sister of the second Prime Minister, Yang Bhg Tok Puan Zainon Dato Hussein. Starting bid: RM3,000



Antique nyonya bowl that belonged to Kapitan Yap Kwan Seng. The family heirloom was given to Yap Swee Lin for her wedding by her mother. Donated by Yap Swee Lin. Starting bid: RM3,000



Greek Ancient Metal choker, bought from an antique shop in Athens, Greece, in 1979. Donated by Datin Dr Nellie Tan Wong. Starting bid: RM 3,000