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Gas association donates RM30,000

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Gas Association (MGA) donated RM15,000 each to two organisations — MyKasih Foundation and University Malaya Medical Centre's (UMMC) Children's Cancer Fund.

MyKasih will use the funds to provide food aid to 15 families in Pandan Jaya. The families were chosen as their household income was below RM1,000.

MyKasih chief executive officer Jeffrey Perera said a monthly allowance of RM80 will be credited to each family and they could use it to purchase household items.

"The mothers can use their KyKad to purchase essential food items," said Perera.

He added that though the system is easy to use, it is monitored so that the funds are not abused.

MyKasih will also teach these families how to manage their finances, secure jobs and provide business loans in order to raise their household income.

President of MGA and International Gas Union Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim said this was the first time they are in partnership with MyKasih and the Children's Cancer Fund.

"This is the first time that we are working with MyKasih Foundation and UMMC," said Rahim.

MGA chose these organisation because they don't have enough sponsors to support them.

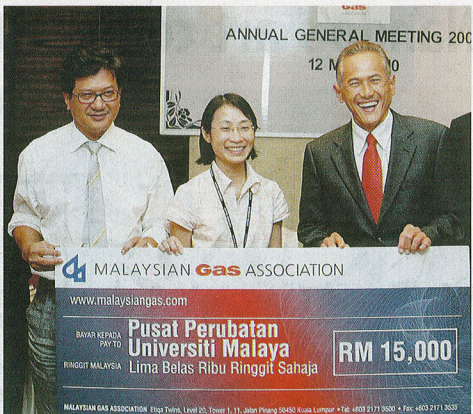
"We did not want to choose foundations that have a lot of sponsors, which is why we chose these two organisations to help support their community service programmes," said Rahim.

MGA raised the funds through a charity golf tournament which was held last year.

Children's Cancer Fund chairman Dr Chong Lee Ai appreciated the much-needed contribution.

"We are grateful to the people who have donated for the young cancer patients," said Chong.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment and medication and pay for treatments of patients who come from poor families.



Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim (right) handing over a mock cheque of RM15,000 to Dr Chong Lee Ai (centre).