

Donate bags to children, firms urged

PETALING JAYA: Wanita MCA is calling on school bag manufacturers to donate bags for the children of flood victims in Johor and Malacca, when schools reopen next week.

Wanita MCA chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen said Beliawanis MCA members had started visiting villages in the two states since Sunday and was preparing to provide bags for school-going children.

She said most of the children in flood-hit areas had lost items such as school bags and would need help in getting replacements.

"The Beliawanis earlier planned to hand out bags and school uniforms but decided to leave the uniforms out because it will be difficult to get details on the size that each pupil needs," she said.

She said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had announced that primary school pupils would receive RM100 each while secondary school students would receive RM200 each and the aid would help them purchase the uniforms they need.

On another matter Dr Ng, who is Deputy Finance Minister, said emphasised that those wanting to secure business loans should apply directly to financial institutions and not depend on third parties to get the loans.