

More aid for flood victims

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AID in cash and kind continued to pour into Johor to help flood victims rebuild their lives.

Close to RM2 million worth of contributions, comprising food and personal care items were donated through the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM).

The donors include A. Clouet & Co, (canned sardines), Dumex Malaysia, Dutch Lady Milk Industries, and Fonterra Brands (all milk products), Unilever Malaysia (home and personal care items) and Tesco Stores (groceries).

Unilever Malaysia Holdings also contributed food and beverages worth RM250,000 to

Malaysian Red Crescent Society in Johor to be channelled to relief centres in Kota Tinggi, Batu Pahat, Kluang and Johor Baru.

Canon Marketing and Canon Opto Malaysia donated food, clothes and school bags and stationery worth RM135,000 to over 3,000 victims at five relief centres in Batu Pahat.

The UEM group contributed RM1 million in cash and kind, comprising food, medical supplies, blankets, towels, mats, and toiletries.

More than 250 volunteers from UEM World, Faber Group, PLUS Expressway Berhad, Opus International plc, Pharmaniaga Berhad, Propel Sdn Bhd, UEM Environment, TIME Engineering and UEM Land also turned up to help clean up several schools affected by the flood in Yong Peng and Batu Pahat.

The UEM Group had earlier used a helicopter to airlift medical personnel and supplies to areas in Muar and Kota Tinggi when they were inaccessible by road.

Flood victims in seven relief centres in Batu Pahat recently received a moral booster when they found, among their benefactors, Malaysia's own First Lady of the Ice, Datin Sharifah Mazlina.

Sharifah, who is due to traverse the North Pole in April, had taken time off her training

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regiment to visit and donate toiletries and food items to the flood victims.

Meanwhile, proceeds from the Asian Youth Ambassadors Festival 2007 to be held at Stadium Putra Bukit Jalil tonight and tomorrow night will also be channelled to flood victims in Johor.

The concerts will feature, among others, Grammy-nominated US-based band Sonicflood, Indonesian band GMB, Arise Dance Team from Auckland, New Zealand, and local bands Altered Frequency and Unabashed.

Passes priced at RM30 (one night) and RM50 (two nights) are available at Stadium Putra from 10am - 10pm today and from 8.30am onwards tomorrow.

For more details, call 03-5637 8737.

Above: Sharifah (nearest to camera) and some volunteers wading through ankle-deep water to visit SK Sri Pandan.

Above left: UEM Group volunteers help in cleaning up one of the schools affected by flood in Panchor, Muar.

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