Charity golf meet nets record sum

Funds to benefit MyKasih Foundation welfare programmes

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The MyKasih Charity Golf 2013 saw participants teeing off for a noble cause at the Glenmarie Golf and Country Club in Shah Alam recently.

The charity drive, which was organised for the third consecutive year, was aimed at raising funds for the MyKasih Foundation welfare programmes.

A total of 128 golfers in 32 flights teed off for the afternoon, followed by a dinner and prize-giving ceremony later in the evening.

The event managed to raise RM487,000, an increase of 30% from last year's collection of RM380,000.

The funds will go towards covering operating costs for the foundation, as well as to run the "Love My Neighbourhood" and "Love My School" programmes.

The "Love My Neighbourhood" programme uses MyKad as a debit card, where recipients will be able to buy basic essential foods with the amount provided.

The method ensures that there is no misuse of funds or leakage, while reducing the family's burden for basic goods.

Meanwhile, the "Love My School" programme provides over 6,000 underprivileged students with a MyKasih card, which can be used to buy food at the school canteen or stationary items at the school book shop.

"We hope that with the record set this year, we will do even better in next year's challenge," said MyKasih Foundation chairman and co-founder Dr Ngau Boon Keat.

Dr Ngau hopes to expand their reach to the less fortunate not just in Malaysia but also in neighbouring countries like Indonesia and Thailand.

Kong Swee Yap won the first prize in the Medal A category with 38 points on countback in 36 Stableford mode.

The second and third prizes were won by Chew Theam Hock and Ding Chung Nyea.

Meanwhile, Dr Ngau also presented seven MyKasih youths with an iPad mini and backpacks.

The youths will be receiving full scholarships under a Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (Unirazak) and Yayasan Cemerlang programme, in collaboration with MyKasih Foundation.

The scholarship will cover their full education fees for four years in their course of choice.

Application for the Yayasan Cemerlang scholarship for MyKasih children is open for the September 2013 intake.

A total of 50 scholarships will be given away. The submission deadline is Aug 5.

For details on scholarship applications, contact info@mykasih.com or call Dahlia at 03-7949 9758.
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Medal A grand prize winner: Kong with a mock up of his prize at the dinner.

Well-deserved help: The seven scholars who received full scholarships under the Unirazak - Yayasan Cemerlang programme with their prizes at the MyKasih Charity Golf 2013 prize-giving ceremony. With them are (far left) MoDeC chief executive officer Datuk Endisham Ghazali, Dr Ngau (back row, third from left) MyKasih foundation co-founder Jean Ngau (fourth from left), Unirazak president and vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Md Zaidi Abdul Rashid (back row, second from right) and Yayasan Cemerlang chief executive officer Assoc Prof Dr Hafizah Buhanaideen (back row, right).