

ACEH TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS
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PRESS RELEASE

**STAFF OF KIM HIN GROUP DONATES TO ROTARY CLUB OF
KUCHING CENTRAL FOR ACEH TSUNAMI CASUALTIES**

Staff of Kim Hin group of companies, a main board listed company in the tiles industry, has donated RM5,000 to the Rotary Club of Kuching Central for the towards the Aceh Disaster Relief Fund which was set up by the Rotary Club of Kuching Central on 3 January 2005.

The fund is now totaling nearly RM150,000.

‘Considering that there has not been much publicity with this fund raising activities and the fund raising efforts was only done through word-of-mouth, the committee is very pleased with the responds’, said Andre Suharto, Chairman of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts committee at the club.

‘Contributions come from individuals, NGOs, corporate bodies and staff of several organizations’, according to Andre.

Depending on how much funds can be raised, the club is planning to address not only the immediate needs of the casualties in Aceh but to also address the medium and long term needs.

The partnering Rotary Club of Langkat in Medan is doing a fantastic job with the distributions and utilization of the medical aids that has been donated by the Rotary Club of Kuching Central. They have their own mobile medic team who make priorities to provide relief works in remote areas that are not yet visited by any relief organizations.

Andre said, ‘Some of the committee members, including myself, are contemplating of visiting Aceh within this month. We want to assess the situations and conditions. At the same time we will also take the opportunity to network with other reliable and credible NGOs who will be able to work with us in the long term. This is important in order to ensure that the money that has been raised is being made to good use. At present, we have been informed by the Rotary Club of Langkat that there are already too much used clothings being donated . Their immediate needs are medical aids & supplies.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MONETARY DONATIONS:

Those who wish to contribute can do so by issuing a crossed cheque made payable to ‘***Rotary Club of Kuching Central***’ with the contact person & address and the following words written at the back of the cheque ‘***Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund***’. Receipts will be issued accordingly.

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Ms Joey Bong (4th from left) representing the staff of Kim Hin Group of companies presenting the cheque to President Aw Tai Hui (4th from right) of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central witnessed by Andre Suharto (5th from left), Chairman of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts Committee, Frankie Ong (Community Service Director) and other committee members.

A SMALL CONTRIBUTION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE & DEATH. ACT NOW AND MAKE A POSTIVE DIFFERENCE!

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