

**ACEH TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS  
BY  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHOICE SUPERMALL DONATES TO ROTARY CLUB OF  
KUCHING CENTRAL FOR ACEH TSUNAMI CASUALTIES**

Management, staff and customers of Choice Supermall donated RM6,000 to the Rotary Club of Kuching Central 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 RM156,000.

'The management of Choice Supermall decided do something to help the casualties of the Tsunami. On the 8 January 2005, a donation box was placed near the exit points of the supermarket', said Carl Anwar, the Assistant Manager of Choice Supermall.

Carl also clarified, 'Of the total RM6,000 raised, RM3,900 was donated by the customers while the remaining balance of RM2,100 was contributed by the management and staff of Choice Supermall. We also provided a condolence book for members of the public to express their sympathies.'

'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. At present, many relief organizations have already put in much focus on the immediate needs and as such, we may be compelled to start identifying the needs for the medium term', said Andre Suharto, Chairman of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts Committee of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central.

Andre added, 'Since our journey to help the Acehnese is still a long one indeed, our club will continue to drive this fund raising campaign with the help of Rotarian Steve Ng as chairman of the fund raising sub-committee who has done an effective job indeed.'

A number of Rotary clubs have donated to the Rotary Club of Langkat such as the Rotary Club of Kebayoran (Jakarta), Leeuwarden Zuid Holland, Bali, Koblov Budapest, Settle and Stichting Help the Children. While some clubs from Bali have sent a team of doctors who also brought along medical aids and equipment.

'We are surveying the needs of the refugees at present and will use the remaining funds in hand to meet immediate needs including needs of children to go back to school', Andre said.

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***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.



Carl Anwar (4<sup>th</sup> from left) representing the management of Choice Supermall presenting the cheque to Andre Suharto (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Chairman of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts Committee. Also present were other committee member (left to right) Rtn. Frankie Ong, Rtn Steve Ng, Rahman Mohti (from Choice Supermall), PP Chieng Lee Ching and Rtn Wilford Teo.

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