



# ACEH TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

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### **CONTRIBUTIONS BY MANAGEMENT & STAFF OF OMG FIDELITY TO THE TSUNAMI CASUALTIES IN ACEH PROVINCE & NIAS ISLANDS, INDONESIA**

The management and staff of OMG Fidelity (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd donated RM5,000 to the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central. The donation was handed over by Ms. Vivien Lau, President of OMG Fidelity Sports and Recreational Club representing the staff of OMG Fidelity, to President Aw Tai Hui of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central.

In the simple handover ceremony, which was witnessed by a number of Rotarians and staff of OMG Fidelity, Ms. Vivien Lau said, 'The sum of donation represented the personal contributions from the management and staff of OMG Fidelity. We are compelled to want to do something meaningful to help those who are unfortunately hit by the catastrophe. Since the Rotary Club of Kuching Central was quick in establishing the necessary infrastructure & processes for logistics and distributions of donation to the needy in Aceh, it is only rightly that we channel this donation to the club'.

Also present in the handover ceremony were some members of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts Committee which is headed by Past President Andre Suharto, Sylvester Fong, Managing Director of OMG Fidelity and his staff members.

In his message of thanks, President Aw Tai Hui conveyed the appreciation of the club to the management & staff of OMG Fidelity (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd for having identified the club as the trusted NGO to help channel the donated fund to help the casualties in Aceh & Nias. 'Every cent of donation will mean so much if everyone were to do their part in contributing. What may seem to be insignificant to some of us may mean so much more valuable to those who are in need of help', said Aw.

Past President Andre Suharto commented that some of the money may also be channeled towards the casualties of the recent earthquake which occurred in the islands of Nias located on the North West of Sumatra next to the Province of Aceh. The Aceh Province in Indonesia was the worst affected area with the highest death toll in the Tsunami catastrophe that occurred in December last year. 'Rtn Ng Yaw Hua and myself are scheduled to leave for Banda Aceh via Medan on 15 April 2005. We will be received by representatives from the Rotary Clubs of Deli and Langkat in Medan', said Andre.

The Rotary Club of Kuching Central was overwhelmed by the tremendous support and immediate response given by individuals and corporations



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including MAS (Malaysian Airlines). To date, more than 3 tons of medical aids have been flown out of Kuching to Medan via Kuala Lumpur courtesy of MAS. Medan is the main city nearest to the Aceh Province in North Sumatera that is served by MAS twice daily from KLIA and once a day from Penang.

The Rotary Club of Kuching Central, one of the four Rotary Clubs located in Kuching city, has taken up the lead to raise funds and to provide coordination and logistics to would-be donors for the benefit of the Tsunami victims in Aceh specifically.

There are other Rotary Clubs in District 3310 which are focusing their relief efforts in Sri Lanka while there are also other Rotary Clubs outside of District 3310 that are providing relief efforts in other disaster areas. The Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Dr. Ivor Thevathasan, has set up a committee at the District level to look into the provision of assistance to the Tsunami casualties.

### ***About OMG Fidelity (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd:***

OMG Fidelity (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd is a wholly owned subsidiary company of OM Group, Inc., USA. The Malaysia company was incorporated in August 1995 and commenced productions in December 1996.

The principal activities of the Malaysian company, which is ISO 9001 certified, are research, development and production of specialty plating chemicals for the electronics, engineered coatings and general metal finishing industries.

OMG Fidelity is the world's leading supplier of products and technology using electroless nickel and other metal chemistries for advanced applications. Through its technical experience and expertise, OMG Fidelity continues to develop technology, processes and custom formulations to meet the evolving surface finishing needs of its customers.

Products produced from the Malaysian operations are:

- Electroless nickel chemistry for memory disk applications
- Electroless nickel chemistry for other plating/engineered coating applications
- Printed circuit chemistry

### ***About Rotary Club of Kuching Central (for more details please visit the club's website at [www.kuchingcentralrotary.org](http://www.kuchingcentralrotary.org)):***

The Rotary Club of Kuching Central was established in December 1986 and currently has 36 members comprising of business and professional people. The club is under the grouping of Rotary International District 3310 which comprises of Johor, Melaka, Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan F.T, Brunei and Singapore. There are 66 Rotary Clubs in Rotary International District 3310. For the past 11 consecutive years, the club has bagged the Rotary International Presidential Citation Awards for its fine achievements and fine



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performances as well as having received several Rotary International District 3310 recognitions.

**About Rotary International ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)):**

Rotary International is the first non-profit making organization in the world where **business** and **professional people** are united worldwide to provide **humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations** and **promote peace and goodwill in the world**. It was established in 1905. In 1985, Rotary International initiated the PolioPlus Campaign, a major worldwide project to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth by 2005, the Rotary Centennial Year. One of the partners in this project is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, founded by Bill Gates, the Chief Software Architect of Microsoft. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation committed to match dollar to dollar for every dollar committed to PolioPlus campaign up to a maximum of US\$25 million.



President Aw receiving the cash donation from Ms. Vivien Lau representing the staff of OMG Fidelity (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. Also present Mr. Sylvester Fong, Managing Director of OMG (left), Andre Suharto, Chairman of the Aceh Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts Committee (5th from right), Chieng Lee Ching, Advisor to the President (3rd from right), Sim Cho Phong, Club Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> right) & staff of OMG Fidelity.

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