

No more 'less privileged' at Hotel Nikko

Azreen Hani

Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 13:09:00



FACES OF JOY: Borostyan giving 'angpow' to the children yesterday — Pic: SHAHIR OMAR

KUALA LUMPUR: More than 300 less-fortunate children and senior citizens from 17 homes in the Klang Valley were treated to a sumptuous tea-party at Hotel Nikko yesterday, in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebrations.

The guests from various homes such as Agathians, Ti Ratana, Shelter Homes, Rumah Charis and other welfare homes enjoyed various delicacies and were treated to goodie bags and angpow.

The four organisers - Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, Dale Lokman & Associates and Dutch Lady Industries Bhd - held the large-scale do for the underprivileged to cut across all racial and cultural divides.

Hotel Nikko general manager Michael Borostyan, said: "We try to spread the generosity to build a prosperous and caring nation, while at the same time celebrate the 1Malaysia spirit."

He also expressed his utmost appreciation to the organising partners for making yesterday's event a success.

He said the hotel is looking forward to organise similar celebrations for the less-fortunate at least once every six months.

Veteran TV personality Datuk Mahadzir Lokman said being involved in a charity event like this was something he did willingly.

"I have been fortunate to have been blessed by God with talent to talk and entertain people. This is my way of contributing to the society, especially to the less-fortunate."

The three-hour party saw a mock cheque presentation by Borostyan to Dr Saunthari Somasundram of the National Cancer Society Malaysia, while Chee Kwee San of the Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan foundation also presented a mock cheque to Tan Kiang Howe, chairman of Soka Gakkai Malaysia.

Dutch Lady Malaysia corporate communications head Jad Mahidin presented 10 cartons of milk to 10 welfare homes yesterday and the firm will be providing 10 cartons per month from April to December.

"It's such a reward to see the happy faces of the children and old folks who enjoy themselves at events like this," said Jad.

The event saw various performances from local artistes and children from StART Society as well as a lion dance.

For Chin Seng Leong, 67, the Chinese New Year celebration was more joyous due to the event.

"I got to see many people and young children celebrating it together with me. I don't feel as lonely as I used to compared to last year's celebration."

Adam Abdullah, six, from Al Khadeem home in Shah Alam, said it was his first Chinese New Year celebration and he was in awe of the lion dance.

"At first, I was scared, but it was fun to see the dancers in their lion costume."

Contact our advertising team to place an advertisement in Malay Mail, Malay Mail Online, and Mail on Sunday.
Copyright 2009 Malay Mail Sdn. Bhd.