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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Tun Sambathan Monorail station in Brickfields was a hive of activity recently because of a blood donation drive held in conjunction with Blood Donors Day on June 14.

The campaign, organised by KL Star Rail Sdn Bhd (the operator of KL Monorail) in collaboration with the National Blood Bank and Kuala Lumpur Hospital, saw 169 volunteers from Bangsar, Pantai Dalam and Brickfields queuing up to give a pint of their blood.

Personnel from the Brickfields and Kuala Lumpur Police contingents, Hang Tuah Fire Brigade, Malaysian Association of the Blind, the Deaf Community from YMCA and the KL

and Selangor Taxi Drivers Association also joined in the drive.

The public also took part in a host of other activities lined up on the day. There were free health screenings conducted by medical officers from the Kuala Lumpur Hospital, free sexual transmitted infection (STI) checks by doctors from the Malaysian AIDS Council and an exhibition put up by the Kuala Lumpur Hospital, the Malaysian AIDS Council and the National Cancer Council Malaysia (Makna).

Actress Umie Aida and others who are Red Ribbon Malaysian AIDS Council support celebrities helped by mingling with the crowd around midday. — *By K. Harinderan*