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Hard men with a soft spot

KUALA LUMPUR: The hard men of rugby showed their soft side for the occasion.

Putting aside bone shaking tackles, they went for the hearts — all for a good cause.

At a charity rugby dinner held in Kuala Lumpur recently, they raised RM90,000.

The event was sponsored by HSBC Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Representatives of Bethany Home and the Women's Aid Organisation of Malaysia attended a cheque presentation ceremony, receiving RM45,000 each.

The money was raised at the dinner

through a grand charity auction of rugby memorabilia as well as a prize raffle.

Former internationals John Bentley, Andy Nicol and Tim Horan from the UK and Australia were among 450 rugby enthusiasts who attended the dinner.

The charity event was organised for the last six years by the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC).

Jon Addis, Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Malaysia, said: "HSBC aims to bring positive social change to different cultures and communities through its diverse rugby sponsor-

ships across the world."

Andrew Sill, Managing Director and

Country Executive of The Royal Bank of Scotland Berhad, said: "The RBS association with sports is strong as we believe that the positive values of teamwork, leadership, courage and sportsmanship are very relevant in building a cohesive and responsible community."

Since the first charity rugby dinner held in 2005, the event has raised RM830,000 for Malaysian causes, including HIV/AIDS Education, Breast Cancer Support and the National Stroke Association of Malaysia.



Andrew Sill (left) The Royal Bank of Scotland managing director and country executive and Jon Addis HSBC Bank Malaysia executive director and deputy chief executive officer presenting the mock cheque