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Wheelchair-friendly vans from Berjaya Cares Foundation

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KUALA LUMPUR: Berjaya Cares Foundation recently contributed 14-seater vans to five charitable bodies from around the country.

The five beneficiaries are Community AIDS Service in Penang, Eden Handicap Service Centre Berhad in Penang, Home for Aged Simee in Ipoh, Handicapped and Mentally Disabled Children's Association in Johor Baru and Hope Mission Children's Welfare Home in Perak.

Four of these five vans have been modified and fitted with electro-hydraulic wheelchair lifts which provide better ac-

cessibility and mobility for wheelchair users.

The vans were presented by Berjaya Corporation Berhad chairman Tan Sri Vincent Tan Chee Yioun at a handover ceremony in Berjaya Times Square here.

Berjaya Corp chief executive officer Datuk Robin Tan, who is also Berjaya Cares Foundation chairman, said when such non-profit and charitable organisations reach out for assistance, the Foundation will respond in a positive way due to its interest in assisting needy communities.

"Vehicle contribution to non-profit and charitable organisations is now a significant part of our corporate social responsibility programme," he said.

"I hope our contribution will ease their transportation woes while improving the residents' mobility and independence."

Handicapped and Mentally Disabled Children's Associa-

tion Johor Baru vice-president, S. Murugaiyah Jeevah, expressed gratitude to Berjaya Cares Foundation for its generosity in sponsoring a wheelchair-accessible van.

"This modified van will definitely alleviate the need for our caregivers to manually transfer wheelchair-reliant residents into a vehicle for their medical check-ups and outings," he said.



Datuk Robin Tan (left) looks on as Tan Sri Vincent Tan Chee Yioun (second left) demonstrates how to use the wheelchair lift. — Picture by Nurul Syazana Rose Razman