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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY: Oil and gas company donates 936 gas cylinders worth RM26,000

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SHELL Malaysia recently contributed 936 gas cylinders to 19 Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) shelter homes, worth RM26,000.

The contribution was in line with Shell's corporate social responsibilities in supporting the HIV and AIDS cause.

The shelter homes were from Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Johor, Pahang, Terengganu and Penang.

The eight organisations from Kuala Lumpur were Rumah WAKE 1, 2 and 3, Faith Helping Centre 1 and 2, Rumah Solehah 1 and 2 and Positive Shelter Home.

The organisations from Selangor were Rumah Ozanam, Welcome Community Home and Welcome Positive Living Community.

The four recipients from Pahang were DIC Pahang Casa Villa, DIC Pahang Casa Harapan, DIC Pahang Casa Non Kasta and DIC Pahang Casa Femina 2, while two organisations from Johor were Intan Life Zone 1 and 2.

The organisations from Terengganu and Penang were Pertubuhan Komuniti CAKNA and Community AIDS Service Penang (CASP) respectively.

MAC president Tan Sri Mohd Zaman Khan said the council was deeply thankful for Shell's help and support.

"MAC has embarked on various initiatives and activities to improve the lives of Malaysians living with HIV, especially those who come from underprivileged background."

He said Shell Malaysia is actively working to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS among employees and have developed a strong partnership with the Malaysian AIDS Council since 2010.

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stigmatisation are emotionally painful and isolating for those subjected to it," Shell Malaysia Trading Sdn Bhd (Shell Gas LPG) general manager Julianna Kamaruddin said.

The partnership was celebrated at a launch held at Rumah Solehah 1 in Bandar Tun Razak here.

This marked the third year of partnership between MAC and Shell Gas LPG which has grown to a nationwide initiative from pilot project that involved four shelter

homes in the Klang Valley previously.

Also present were Shell Gas (LPG) Malaysia marketing manager Tan Tee Siong, Shell Gas Distributor MH Chua Brothers Datuk Chua Meow Heng, Rumah Solehah human resource and training officer Matron Fadzillah Abdul Hamid, representatives from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and shelter homes representatives.

CASP administrator Elizabeth Thomas said the organisation was grateful to receive the gas supply.

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with limited resources everyday.

"With this donation, Shell has become a shining example to other organisations. I hope there will be more efforts to help HIV patients."

Maylis Escudier, a French national who volunteers at Rumah Ozanam described the aid as a noble initiative from Shell.

The guests and children of Rumah Solehah 1 were given a pleasant surprise when two popular celebrities, Fahrin Ahmad and Bob (of Akademi Fantasia 2) from Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters made special appearances.

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Recipient



MAC president **Tan Sri Mohd Zaman Khan** receiving the aid from Shell's **Julianna Kamaruddin** at the event in Bandar Tun Razak, Cheras. Pic by Sharul Hafiz Zam