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GOOD EFFORT: The Medical Society of Universiti Malaya makes the donation to the Malaysia AIDS Foundation after a fundraising project which involved selling cards and T-shirts

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ERADICATE AIDS Stigma Equality (Erase) from the Medical Society of Universiti Malaya donated RM25,000 to the Malaysia AIDS Foundation (MAF) recently.

Erase raised the funds by selling two items — cards and T-shirts.

Erase president Yeo Kye Sheng said the cards were sold at RM10 for four pieces.

“Last year, students from the Build Environment faculty built a huge red ribbon sculpture, measuring 18m in length, at Berjaya Times Square,” said Yeo.

“We sold the cards to the public and later they wrote a simple message to be hung on the sculpture,”

said Yeo.

He said that they printed out 20,000 cards and managed to sell 75 per cent of it. About 200 students from the medical faculty and 140 students from the Build Environment faculty were involved in the project.

The T-shirts were sold at RM15 each to university students and at RM20 to the public.

Yeo said 500 of the 800 T-shirts printed have been sold.

“The T-shirts did not sell as well as the cards, which is fine because the latter was our financial drive,” said the 21-year-old student.

MAF chairman Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman appreciated the stu-

dents' effort in raising funds.

“This is a very meaningful donation because it was raised by students,” said Adeeba.

“They worked hard and executed the project smoothly,” she said.

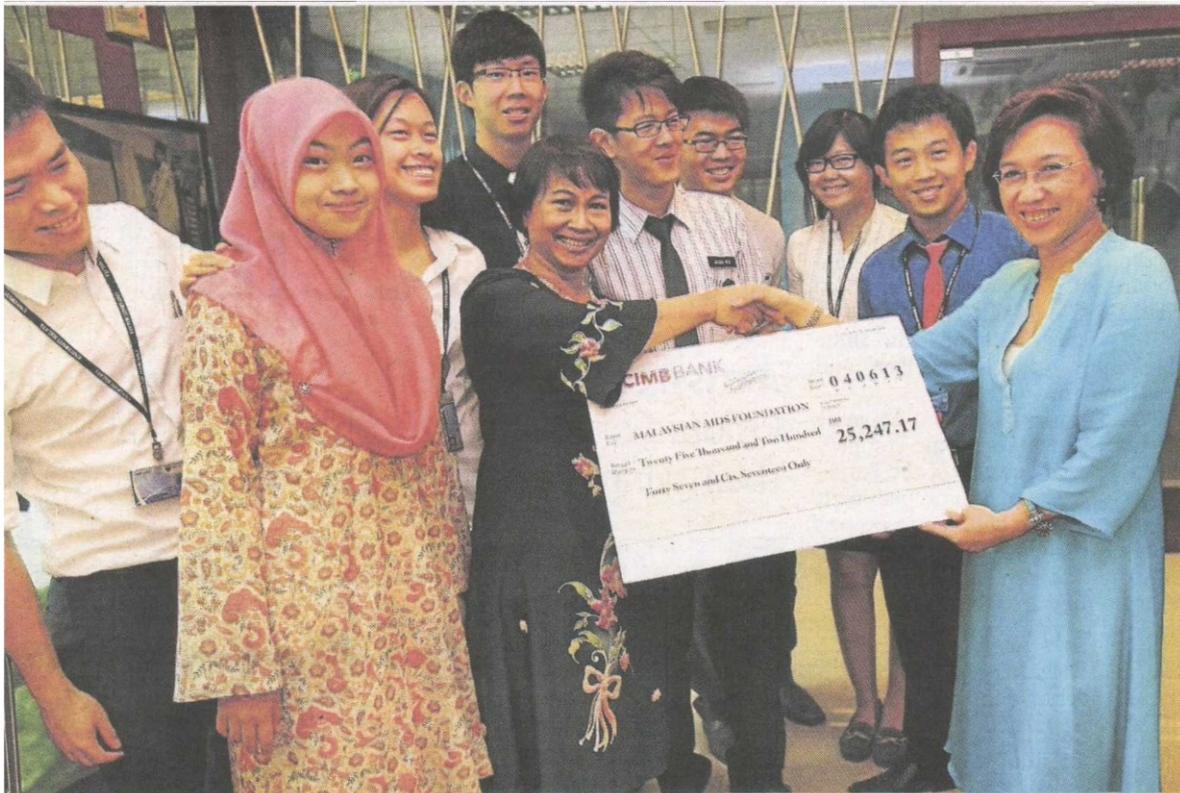
Adeeba said the money will be used for HIV patients who need to go

for second- and third-stage treatments.

“The first stage is free but the cost to treat the next level of HIV varies between RM700 and RM2,000 a month for each patient. It also depends on the medication they need.”

MAF also plans to organise awareness campaigns to educate the public on the disease and how it can be treated.

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Prof Dr Jamiyah Hassan (fourth from left) presents a mock cheque to **Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman** (right). With them are the Universiti Malaya students. Pic by Che Rani Che Din