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**BINTULU:** A group of orphans from Malawi will put up a unique and spectacular martial art and cultural show at the Civic Centre here on December 28.

Apart from performing their own traditional dances, the children will also impress their audience with their Chinese martial art skills which they learnt from the masters of the Shaolin Temple in mainland China in the show theme; 'Spread the Seeds of Love'.

The children from Amitofo Care Centre (ACC) in Malawi are on a Cultural, Education and Charity Tour to countries in Africa, Brunei and Malaysia.

The Bintulu leg is organised by the Bintulu Buddhist Association (BBA) with Toh Mee Hung as the organising chairperson for the event. The main patron for the charity show is Alan Eng Wing Hua.

"This may be a once in a life time experience to watch this performance from African children," said BBA Chairman, Kho Phet Soon.

The ACC was founded by a Buddhist monk, Master Hui Li from Taiwan in 1998 who was moved by the plight of many children in Malawi who were orphaned because their parents had died of AIDS. It is reported that 40% of Malawi's 11 million population are HIV positive.

After being allocated a piece of land in a commercial centre of Southern Malawi by the Malawi

government, Hui Li immediately built the ACC building with sponsorship from the people in Taiwan.

Since its completion in 2001, ACC is currently providing shelter, care and education to some 2,000 orphans in Malawi. It is also spreading to other African countries, like Swaziland, Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Cameroon as well as Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Malaysia and Singapore and several South American countries.

The group has been performing in various states in Peninsula Malaysia since November 28. They will proceed to Sibul and Kuching before rounding up their Asian tour.

Tickets are available at RM100, RM50, RM20 and RM10.

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**THE** Malawian orphans demonstrating their martial art skills during a show.