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Chevron gives RM50,000 to support HIV/AIDS efforts

KUALA LUMPUR: Chevron Malaysia Limited (Chevron) recently announced a RM50,000 donation to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), as part of the company's continued support for HIV/AIDS-related campaigns to battle HIV/AIDS and mitigate its impact on individuals and communities.

MAF will utilize the funds for nationwide activities which include preventing the spread of HIV; providing education on matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS; rendering support to people living with HIV/AIDS; and to protect the human rights of Malaysians who may suffer discrimination due to their HIV status.

"Chevron is committed to this effort and we are happy to provide some financial support for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation to conduct its activities and services. We believe that everyone has a role to play in the fight against HIV/AIDS and we are glad to contribute towards this

effort," said Mokhtar Ali Ismail, Chevron manager (Policy, Government and Public Affairs).

Mokhtar presented the donation on behalf of Chevron to Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, chairman of MAF.

"Although we have come a long way in our response to HIV/AIDS in this country, there is still much to be done. Studies continue to show major gaps in the HIV/AIDS knowledge and awareness amongst the public. Whilst prevention, treatment, care and support programmes have gradually increased over the last several years, coverage of these programmes remains well below the actual need, therefore continued and increased participation from all sectors such as Chevron remain critical in Malaysia's HIV/AIDS response," said Prof. Dr Adeeba.

Chevron is one of the pioneer members of the Malaysian Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS ("MBCH") established by MAF, and the donation is part of the company's contribution through the MBCH.

Chevron's strong support for HIV/AIDS-related initiatives is also an effort under its global Energy for Learning programme. In Malaysia, Chevron has conducted a series of activities to raise awareness of the disease and the people who are infected and affected by it.

