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## Health volunteers to go out to help and locate the ill

**KIATISAK CHUA**

**T**HE Penang Health Development Association (FDHA) has acquired a new van to ferry its volunteers out to perform health screening programmes and examinations on patients.

Dubbed the 'Happy Van', it will take volunteers out to localities like Tanjung Tokong and Tanjung Bungah to not only conduct free medical checkups on the residents there but also pick up some who are classified as suffering from chronic ailments.

According to the association's medical sub-committee chairman Dr Gan Kam Ling, the screening is vital because it can detect diseases earlier.

"Usually, the patients do not know that they are already sick while some are shy to come out and seek help," said Dr Gan who added that they would also be screened for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

"Since they do not dare come forward, we are reaching out to them instead."

Dr Gan also said that they would be looking to go to other areas apart from Tanjung Bungah and Tanjung Tokong with the help of the new van.

"We would also check on the homeless."

Apart from this, the Penang FDHA is also looking to upgrade the facilities of its clinic.

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**Greater mobility:** Dr Gan (sixth from left) launching the association's new van together with other committee members and donors by popping the confetti at the association's centre on Perak Road.