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## KL charity rugby event sponsors name beneficiaries

**P**REPARATIONS for the 6th Annual Kuala Lumpur Charity Rugby event this month moved into the final stages with title sponsors HSBC Bank Malaysia Bhd and The Royal Bank of Scotland Bhd (RBS) announcing their nominated charities.

Funds raised from this year's event will be donated to Bethany Home, HSBC Bank Malaysia's chosen charity, and Women's Aid Organisation, the charity selected by RBS.

Now in its 6th consecutive year, the event has raised RM740,000 for Malaysian charitable causes, including HIV/AIDS education, breast cancer and stroke.

The event is organised by the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce and supported by Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

HSBC Bank Malaysia executive director and deputy CEO Jon Addis said: "Rugby is an emerging sport in an emerging region. It has broad appeal and projects a clean, healthy, strong and dynamic image.

"It is also a sport that reflects many of the key principles by which HSBC runs its business worldwide: leadership, integrity, courage and perseverance.

"HSBC participates in diverse rugby sponsorships across the world and each initiative aims to unite people and cultures through the positive values of the sport."

RBS managing director Andrew Sill said: "As a strong supporter of sporting talents, RBS is delighted to

be part of the 6th KL Charity Rugby event, which gives us a unique platform to help youths achieve their sporting aspirations and contribute to community development in Malaysia.

"As a global organisation with an entrenched history in Malaysia, we believe we have a responsibility towards the economic and social well-being of the country."

The event comprises a rugby coaching clinic to be held on April 28 at the Royal Selangor Club (RSC) in Bukit Kiara followed by a charity dinner at the Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Rugby legends John "Bentos" Bentley from England, Australian Tim Horan and former Scotland captain Andy Nicol will travel to Kuala Lumpur to entertain the crowd.

The clinic will give about 100 rugby juniors from the Rugby Section of the RSC the chance to train alongside the visiting legends who will share their playing skills during the high-energy coaching session.

The three legends will then entertain a capacity crowd of more than 450 guests at the dinner with rugby presenter Justin "Sambo" Sampson as MC and auctioneer.

Dinner tables and individual tickets are sold at RM3,000 and RM300 respectively covering a five-star three-course dinner menu, free flow of beer and wine sponsored by Guinness Anchor Berhad and Cave & Cellar, a grand charity auction of rugby memorabilia and a prize raffle.

Interested rugby enthusiasts and the public can book by calling 03-2074 3900, fax 603-2074 3506 or email [restaurantreservations.slkl@shangril-la.com](mailto:restaurantreservations.slkl@shangril-la.com)

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**Raising funds:** (From left) Addis, British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce chairman Datuk Peter Wentworth and Sill with rugby jerseys that will be auctioned at the charity dinner in Kuala Lumpur.