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Guests enjoy Nyonya dinner during one-woman show in aid of HIV/AIDS foundation

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THE charity showing of the highly-acclaimed one-woman play *Emily Of Emerald Hill* at Little Heritage House on Oct 8 and 9 was a big success, with all tickets sold out.

Written by Singaporean playwright Stella Kon and directed by Chin San Sooi, renowned local actress Pearly Chua, who has performed the titular role nearly 200 times in her career, gladly reprised the role to help a good cause.

Attendees also paid to enjoy a delicious Nyonya set dinner before the show, featuring signature Nyonya dishes such as *acar rampai*, chicken *ngo hiang* (meat roll), *kiam chai ark* (salted vegetable and duck soup), *buah keluak*, and *Penang pengat*.

The show's target beneficiary was the PT Foundation, a non-profit organisation that provides HIV and AIDS education, prevention, care and support programmes, as well as sexual health and empowerment programmes for five key affected groups – drug users, sex workers, transsexuals, men who have sex with men (MSM), and people living with HIV/AIDS.

A portion of the proceeds from the show amounting to RM8,880 was presented to PT Foundation chairman Hisham Hussein in a mock cheque presentation ceremony.

"We don't always get something like this, to be honest, and I think it is because we are a small NGO," said Hisham, who appreciated the support from Little Heritage House.

The non-governmental organisation was the first of its kind in Malaysia in 1987 and it received very little support for helping groups that continue to be stigmatised by the wider community, even today.

But according to Hisham, despite the lack of government funding, many individuals approached the PT Foundation to get tested for HIV, making the organisation's role a very important one in helping to detect HIV cases nationwide.

Little Heritage House managing director CK Leo said the restaurant had engaged in many charitable works over the years, but this was their first time doing it in the form of a charity show.

He said that Chin and Chua were good friends and the idea of putting on a show seemed like a good one to attract a much bigger group



Hisham (fourth from left) and PT Foundation trustee Datuk Rosie Tan (second from right) receiving a mock cheque of the collection from (from left) Chin, Leo, Little Heritage House chairman Alain L. Tan and actress Pearly Chua. — Photos: CHAN TAK KONG/The Star



Hisham giving a short speech to thank Little Heritage House for the contribution and to talk about the PT Foundation's cause.

in their efforts to channel support for a good charitable cause.

"People get to channel their support to help a good cause, and at the same time, they get to enjoy a good dinner," he said.

"Not many people out there would happily want to support this organisation, so this is a way for us to help the unlovable people."

Chua will be giving another charity performance of *Emily Of Emerald Hill* at Little Heritage House on Dec 2 and 3, this time in support of Kiwanis Club Sri Petaling.

The show is accompanied by a Nyonya set dinner by Little Heritage House.

The function starts at 6pm on

both days and guests are required to come dressed in formal, traditional, or *kebaya*.

Tickets are priced at RM300 and RM250 for Gold and Silver tickets, respectively. For details, call 03-7932 1810, email [straitschinese-kitchen@gmail.com](mailto:straitschinese-kitchen@gmail.com), or visit [www.facebook.com/lhstraitschinese-kitchen](http://www.facebook.com/lhstraitschinese-kitchen)