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(From left) Nur Qamarina, Hamzah, Abdullah and Fujita presenting the donations to representatives of Pusat Penjagaan Lotus Malaysian, Rumah Permata Al Insyirah and Pusat Kebajikan Xi Le Er.



MVFRA founder Captain Bala (left) explaining to Abdullah (third from left) and Hamzah (fourth from left) the equipment which were used during the Nepal and Ranau post-earthquake relief operations.

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Funds raised to be used for education and medical treatment

THE Malaysian AEON Foundation (MAF) raised RM1.05mil at its recent annual gala dinner, which will be channelled towards improving education and medical needs.

Malaysian AEON Foundation president Datuk Abdullah Mohd Yusof said, "We would like to thank our business partners who have been supporting us consistently for the past 11 years."

"Malaysian AEON Foundation will continue to pursue and uphold little acts of kindness, because we know they can and will pave the way to a brighter future for communities in need."

He added that MAF had contributed more than RM8mil towards the cause so far.

Among the sponsors for the MAF charity gala dinner were Euro-Atlantic Sdn Bhd, Nakano Construction Sdn Bhd, Visa International Asia Pacific, Limited Liability Company, Akitek Akiprima Sdn Bhd, Bonia Corporation Bhd, Eastern Decorator Sdn Bhd, F&N Beverages Marketing Sdn Bhd, IGB REIT Management Sdn Bhd, Institute of Professional Development (OUM), Lam Soon Edible Oils Sdn Bhd, Mamee Double Decker Distribution (M) Sdn Bhd, Nestle Products Sdn Bhd, Poh Kong Holdings Bhd and Power Root Marketing Sdn Bhd.

MAF provides financial assistance to those who require the greatest needs in education, living environment and medical while utilising activity-based resources that will help prevent young children from engaging in

social ills.

"MAF brings hope and colour into the lives of people in need. Our mission to help the ones who need our help the most will not be possible without our strong band of volunteers in all our missions, especially Captain Bala, the founder of the Malaysian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MVFRA), and his team in the Nepal and Ranau post-earthquake relief operations."

"MAF contributed about RM200,000 to these two operations," Abdullah added.

During the dinner, Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin, Nur Qamarina, Abdullah and Kenji Fujita presented Rumah Permata Al Insyirah (Kuantan), Pusat Penjagaan Lotus Malaysian (Kuala Lumpur) and Pusat Kebajikan Xi Le Er (Johor Baru) a donation of RM20,000 each.

Ebby Loo of Euro Atlantic Sdn Bhd, the organiser of MAF's gala dinner said, "It is beautiful to see people coming together, and it raises a wonderful energy of commitment and dedication. It brings out the best about being human, which is to be a part of a caring community."

More than 1,000 guests attended the gala dinner, themed "Colours to Your Heart", which featured performances by Singaporean entertainer Donna Daniel, the students of Sri KL along with six hearing-impaired children from YMCA, and singers Abigail and Koujee.

