

# Secondary school students raise RM55,000 for charity

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(from left) Huo, Tan and Lodge management board committee member Sim Kheng Boon handing over a donation to Hope Place founder Kelvin Wan at the Jom Charity event.

**KUCHING:** Students from Lodge National Secondary School have raised over RM55,000 this year for various charitable organisations in Sarawak.

The funds were mostly raised from the “A Day of Love” project by Form Four students as part of the practical component of the Moral Education subject.

Student groups which took part in the fundraising drive included the Career Club, Leo Club, Interact Club, Prefectorial Board, Form 5A Economics Class and the Science Department.

“It has always been our school’s tradition to give back to society. We not only emphasise academic performance but also character-building.

“Raising funds for charity is part of that,” Lodge Group of Schools director Thomas Huo said at a Jom Charity event organised by the school to hand over the funds to 15 charities here.

He added that the students’ collective effort to raise a large amount for charity showed their awareness of the needs of the community.



Lodge School students and staff in a group photo with representatives from charitable organisations at the Jom Charity handover.

“Credit must also go to their teachers and parents for their support and guidance throughout the fundraising drive,” he said.

The Chief Minister’s political secretary Tan Kai said the government welcomed efforts from the public to assist those in need.

“While the government provides financial assistance to the poor, we need NGOs to help us,” he said.

Recipients of Lodge School’s fundraising drive were Sarawak Society for Parents of Children with Special Needs (Pibakat), Hope Place, Kuching Autistic Association, Sarawak Society for the Blind, Sarawak Children’s Cancer Society, Sarawak Breast Cancer Support Group and Pertubuhan Kebajikan Sinar Murni Kuching.

Also receiving assistance were the Sarawak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Save Our Strays Kuching, Sarawak Dyslexia Association, Salvation Army, Salvation Army Boys’ home, The Green Ribbon Association, Sarawak Cheshire Home and National Cancer Society of Malaysia (Sarawak Branch).

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