

Boost for Buddhist group

Starwalk pledge is honoured as society receives donation from firm

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THE Buddhist Tzu-Chi Merits Society Malaysia has received a RM10,000 donation from GUH Holdings Berhad which took part in the Penang Starwalk 2012 charity walk.

GUH Holdings was one of 10 companies which agreed to contribute funds to 10 charitable organisations in Penang.

The society's representative Ooi Si Hoo, 60, said fundraising activities were continuously held to achieve the society's target of RM60mil in funds for their projects.

"Our medical centre will be able to fit in 108 dialysis units once completed and each unit costs about RM55,000.

"In Malaysia, there's an annual increase of 4,000 patients with renal failure.

"This centre will be able to help these patients," she said after the mock cheque presentation at GUH Holdings office in Bayan Lepas.

Ooi said the medical centre was expected to be completed next year while the education centre would be ready by 2014.

GUH Holdings managing director Datuk Kenneth H'ng Bak Tee said he chose Tzu-Chi because of the society's involvement in helping people in need irrespective of their race and nationality.

"They go to countries in need and provide humanitarian aid," he said, adding that the society's volunteers did not ask for any payment for their service.

H'ng hoped the donation would be able to help the society in its projects, especially the education centre.

This was the first time the company has been part of Penang Starwalk. Ten of its staff members also took part in the walk.



Giving back: H'ng (left) presenting a mock cheque to Ooi.