

PRESS RELEASE: THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF CANADA DONATES TOWARDS FLOOD RELIEF IN MALAYSIA

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The Malaysian Association of Canada (MAC) launched a fundraising campaign to help victims of the recent floods in Malaysia. Although it targeted to raise RM15,000 initially, a total of RM22,000 was achieved and donated to the Free Food Society (FFS). At the cheque presentation held after the Society's first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today, Datuk Ali Abdul Kadir, President of FFS thanked the MAC for its generosity towards Malaysians affected by the floods, despite being thousands of miles away in Canada. Mr Yeow Teck Chai presented the cheque on behalf of the MAC. In his speech Mr Yeow said that when the head of the Malaysian Association of Canada, Mr Henry Lee, approached him for a charitable organisation that could help the plight of Malaysian flood victims, he immediately recommended FFS which he knows to be an organisation that can be trusted to carry out the aid projects based on its track record.

On its part, the Society pooled together other donations for flood aid and together with the MAC donation was able to provide over RM 30,000 for various flood relief projects. One of the beneficiaries of this effort were 80 Orang Asli Families from the Temuan tribe at Kampung Orang Asli Paya Lebar in Hulu Langat who received flood aid in the form of drinking water and food provisions in February. The recent floods cut off water supply to the village and left people there with no access to clean drinking water. In addition, a total of 280 families also received aid from this donation : 100 Malaysian families in Mentakab and 44 families in Temerloh, Pahang, and 40 Myanmar Refugee families and 16 Malaysian B-40 families in Sri Muda, Shah Alam.

FFS collaborated with BAC's 'Flood Relief Aid' campaign initiated by its NGO, UPLIFT, in December 2021 to help displaced families affected by the floods. The funds were used to purchase immediate necessities for the families - rice cookers, table fans, mattresses, drinking water, food essentials, kettles and iron boxes. These items were given to the respective community leaders and mobilisers of the affected locations.



Distribution by Free Food Society's Team and Mr Raja Singham of BAC, President of Uplift, at an Orang Asli Village of the Temuan Tribe in Paya Lebar, Hulu Langat, Selangor

The Malaysian Association of Canada was founded in 2001 with the objective of bringing together Malaysian Canadians in social, cultural and economic activities. It has contributed to many successful humanitarian fundraising activities for various charities globally.

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