

# Above expectation

## SOHOM raises RM30,000 for school and cancer society

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**T**HE charity bazaar organised by The Association of Spouses of Heads of Diplomatic Missions Malaysia (SOHOM) early this month managed to raise a total of RM30,000, which doubled their original goal.

The event was held at the Italian ambassador's residence in Kuala Lumpur.

Proceeds from the bazaar will be donated to the Fugee School and Empowered! The Cancer Advocacy Society of Malaysia who will each receive RM15,000.

Empowered! The Cancer Advocacy Society of Malaysia founder Dr Christina Ng expressed her heartfelt gratitude to SOHOM upon receiving the donation at a ceremony held at the ambassador's residence.

"We are planning to utilise the funds raised by SOHOM by organising a Cancer Awareness Workshop at a low-income housing community during the second half of 2012, followed by a Colon Cancer Screening Project in the first half of 2013.

"We hope that the general public and our partners will continue to support us in making a positive impact to underprivileged communities



**For a good cause:** Members of SOHOM posing for a group shot during the cheque presentation to De Baranano, who accepted the cheque for the Fugee School on behalf of co-founder Deborah Henry.

in Malaysia by raising their awareness about cancer and the importance of cancer screening," she added.

Ana Garcia De Baranano who accepted the cheque for the Fugee School on behalf of co-founder Deborah Henry said that the donation will help them pay for education materials, teachers as well as space for their classes.

"The Fugee School is an amazing project aimed at providing refugee children with basic education such as Mathematics and English," she said.

SOHOM president Shirley Lenz thanked Nilou de Luca Gabrielli and Irene Ong as well as the members of SOHOM who helped make the bazaar a success.

"Besides being a way for SOHOM to contribute towards the community, the bazaar also gave us a chance to make new friends," she said.

The bazaar had a total of 40 stalls from 25 participating countries selling items that were unique to each country such as baked goods and foods, jewellery, crafts, clothing, artwork and plants.

SOHOM will also be participating in a yard sale organised by Hawa Ghazzali Holdings on July 7 at No. 6, Jalan Taman U-Thant (next to the US Embassy). The yard sale will start at 9.30am and end at 5.30pm. RM5 will be charged per entry.

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