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PHARMANIAGA AND MERCY MALAYSIA SEND GOODWILL TOYS TO SUDAN AND PHILIPPINES

Pharmaniaga Berhad together with MERCY Malaysia pooled their resources and collected soft toys to be sent to the children of the Sudan and Philippines debacles.

The program, creatively named the 1000 Smiles Across the Miles, is a caring program of collecting toys for the less fortunate children of Sudan and Philippines. To date, the program has managed to collect over 1500 soft toys from various sources. Most of the contribution came from employees of Pharmaniaga, while the rest were from their business contacts; Phil Sports donated 'tiger toys', and JC FabriCare took on the task of cleaning and restoration of the toys.

Officiating the event, Azhar Hussain, Managing Director of Pharmaniaga said "It was really nice to see so many co-workers come to work with bags of toys. The office was buzzing with stories of parents persuading their kids to give up some toys and reminiscence of some toys that survived those tender years." As an added bonus, a little teddy bear managed to find its way to the Pharmaniaga office, couriered to them by a mysterious sender.

Datuk Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, President of MERCY Malaysia said, "We are fortunate to have the support of Pharmaniaga Berhad and its group of companies. It is so heartwarming to be joining hands with such a caring organization, which benevolent spirit crosses over its working environment to reach into the homes of its employees. It just makes us smile to see parents encouraging their children to be charitable even at an early age."

"MERCY Malaysia is very fortunate to have the support of Pharmaniaga Group which makes an annual monetary donation of RM100,000 and an annual donation of medication supplies worth RM100,000 for a period of three years. MERCY Malaysia and Pharmaniaga hope that our effort will further foster an even more caring community, and touch the hearts as well as enriching the lives of others within Malaysia and across the borders" she added.

Presenting the toys to Datuk Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, President of MERCY Malaysia were children of Pharmaniaga's employee. The presenters are Nur Farisa 2 years old, Rishma Nair 5, and Joshua Ho 8 years old.

Cheerful note cards are also attached to the toys, sketched with various forms of little stickers and attractive cartoons. These cards are the goodwill ambassadors of Malaysian children sharing their smiles with other children living thousands of miles away.

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ABOUT PHARMANIAGA BERHAD

Pharmaniaga Berhad is Malaysia's leading pharmaceuticals group and a member of the UEM Group. The company is driven by its core businesses in generic pharmaceuticals R&D and manufacturing, warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical products, sales & marketing, as well as hospital equipping provision of turnkey contract services. Pharmaniaga has also created a niche in healthcare IT solutions which forms the backbone of its operations.