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Islamic Relief Malaysia [IRM] together with Islamic Relief Worldwide [IRW] have co-organised Asia Regional Retreat 2018 at Bangi last January (14-19 January). The programme was conducted to achieve every goal and objective set out in Asia Regional Strategy 2017 – 2021. Besides, it was planned to review business plan and identify resources for the region.

Throughout the programme, participants will have better understanding on regional strategy as well as regional business plan. On top of that, Islamic Relief from other regions are expected to be able to develop their respective country strategies and business plans.

Every participant also had a chance to do a presentation on their strategy and plans for their future campaigns. The countries include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. On a side note, they were also brought to visit Rohingya Integrated School of Excellence [RISE].

Among the special participants in the session were representatives from IRW, Islamic Relief partners, and country office heads.

ABOUT ISLAMIC RELIEF

- An independent humanitarian and development organization founded in the United Kingdom in 1984 by a group of concerned postgraduate students.
- With an active presence in over 40 countries across the globe, we strive to make the world a better and fairer place for the people still living in poverty.
- Relief efforts: Emergency Response, Integrated Social Sustainable Development & Disaster Risk Reduction.
- IR Malaysia: Fundraising office [for local and international projects] & Local implementation [since 2005].

VISION

Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values, we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others.

MISSION

Exemplifying our Islamic values, we will mobilise resources, build partnerships, and develop local capacity as we work to:

- Enable communities to mitigate the effect of disasters, prepare for their occurrence and respond by providing relief, protection and recovery.
- Promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods.
- Support people who are marginalised and vulnerable to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty.

We allocate these resources regardless of race, political affiliation, age, gender, abilities or belief, and without expecting anything in return.



Post flood relief in Kelantan



Founder of Islamic Relief, Dr. Hany visits Afghanistan to meet village representative



IRM CEO, Zairulshahfuddin with Palestinian refugees in Jordan

CHEER TO SCHOOL OFFLOADS BURDEN



Happy faces of beneficiaries receiving aids

IRM sees education as an important element in life as a preparation for the future apart from basic needs such as foods and shelters. Through education, many programmes have been conducted such as multimedia skills teachings, free tuition classes, and motivational programmes.

Islamic Relief Malaysia [IRM] conducted a programme namely Cheer to School in Kelantan on January 20th 2018. It is an annual programme planned by IRM in offering school assistance to those in need.

Besides, the programme is seen as an education support for the children so that they will be more motivated to study while offloading the burden held by their parents.

Cheer to School was conducted at two locations in Kelantan; Rantau Panjang and Tumpat.



Shopping activities

A total number of 42 beneficiaries were given school aids such as school uniform, bag, school shoes, stationeries, socks, scarf, and belt.

All aids are meant to be given to those effected from flood who had not been receiving any help from any humanitarian organisation.



The environment inside the Charity Shoppe



A DOOR OF RAHMAT FOR EVERYONE

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) is calling everyone to make donations while helping the people in need through Charity Shoppe which has been operating five years ago.

According to Chief Executive Officer IRM, Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin, the shop is seen as a door of mercy for every customer who steps into the shop to contribute for the beneficiaries.

Charity Shoppe is also reflected as a hub for acquaintanceship between newcomers and the staff without considering their ethnicities and religions to understand IRM more in depth.

The idea is in line with the concept of IRM that fully practices 'open door' for every customer who visits the shop.

After five years operation, Zairulshahfuddin believes that Malaysians really have soft spot in their heart to offer help in the form of donation as the shop has been receiving many items every single day.

Charity Shoppe is not just a usual shop outside where the customers are only there to buy something but also a centre for those interested to join as a volunteer or donor in the future.

Zairulshahfuddin also extends his thankfulness towards Datin Norelan Ismail who was the previous manager for Charity Shoppe for the success she brought up to date.

As of now, Charity Shoppe accepts a variety of items including apparels, books, decorations, and the rarest item ever received is gold-plated stamp authenticated by Pos Malaysia.



Customers shopping in the shop

IRM SHARING JOY WITH THE DISABLED

In conjunction with Chinese New Year Celebration, around 300 beneficiaries at the Handicapped and Mentally Disabled Children Association (HMDCA), Kulai received basic items through *Program Interaksi Bersama Orang Kelainan Upaya (OKU)* organised by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) on Feb 12, 2018.

The event was conducted to establish a peaceful racial harmony in a community consisting of various different skin colors which can foster a better relationship between IRM volunteers and HMDCA occupants.

Most of the beneficiaries come from different ethnic groups that include Chinese, Indian, and Malay which can be sub-clustered to a group of orphans, disabled, and senior citizens.

Majority of them have lost contact with their relatives and most cases come from the Department of Social Welfare or were sent by their own families without any fees charged for further care.

The programme does not only emphasise on the donations given to the beneficiaries but IRM volunteers held a few activities with them and decorated their centres as a way to create joy for the Chinese New Year 2018 festivity even without family members celebrating together.

IRM also had the same event for Chinese New Year 2018 organised concurrently, Perak OKU Association, Sungai Siput and Si Putih OKU Welfare Centre, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan respectively.



IRM staff with the disabled people

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION COURSE IMPARTS A NEW LOOK



Participants of VIC Kuala Terengganu



Sharing session by IRM



Token of appreciation for participants

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) had a chance to interact with new volunteers through Volunteer Induction Course (VIC) in Kuala Terengganu.

The programme that was held on Feb 28, 2018 drives IRM into a more positive direction when participants from various backgrounds such as doctor, lecturer, and athlete also support the effort of IRM in offering aids for the less fortunate.

It is also seen as a move by IRM to foster a better relationship with the volunteers in a friendlier way as the number of registered volunteers now exceeds 3,000 members.

The main aim of the programme is to equip all new members with useful skills through practical learnings such as role-play and presentation.

IRM also imparted some experiences in helping the beneficiaries in Somalia to the volunteers as a way for them to feel empathised of the less fortunate.

For information, VIC was introduced in 2013 as an approach for new volunteers to thrive together with IRM for humanitarian works.



Some of VIC's activities

IRM PORTRAYS GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) encourages everyone to be concerned on the global humanitarian issues through #SalamRamadan 1439H Campaign that lasts until mid-June.

The campaign aims to provide extensive exposure about Ramadan Campaign while raising public awareness on the continuous humanitarian issues across the globe.

Through this campaign, we are targeting to accumulate RM10 million funds to be allocated for various sectors including health, food, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelters, disabled, and orphans.

This year, IRM will distribute 6,000 Ramadan food packs across the nation as well as 3,540 food packs in more than 30 countries.

#SalamRamadan Campaign will be impactful for 30,000 beneficiaries locally and 3.4 million beneficiaries nationwide through a variety of projects namely Ramadan food pack, mySedekah, local project, international project, emergency appeal, Waqaf, and Al-Yateem.

Malaysians are inborn with high sympathy values which can be a major contribution to every mission implemented by IRM in an effort to alleviate humanitarian issues occurring across the world.

During the event, a flash mob performed by a group of IRM volunteers has successfully captured the attention of public through the portrayal of different actions such as earthquake, drought, poverty, and education. The event also gained a full support from MyTown and Santai Penyet.



Actors & actresses performing on stage

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6 Opening Charity Shoppe 2018
6 Cheer to School Perak
6 Volunteer Induction Course Kuala Lumpur
8 Zero to Hero, PPR Lembah Subang
11 Courtesy Visit to Vice Chansellor USIM
12 Booth in Karnival Mahabbah IKIM
13 Cheer to School Kedah
13 Community Development PPR Lembah Subang
13 Self Enhancement Group [SEG] PPR Lembah Subang

14 Monthly Meeting with Tebedu Community
14-19 Islamic Relief Asia Regional Retreat 2018
17 Eagle is Landing
19 Gotong Royong Surau Al-Hidayah
& Masjid Busut 40
20 Cheer to School Kelantan
21 IDP Field Visit to Malaysia
22-26 Aspiring Managers Programme

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5 School Aids Distribution UN-IRM
6-8 Bersama Siswa Za'ba
9 Flood Relief Sarawak
10 Self Enhancement Group [SEG] PPR Lembah Subang
10 Chinese New Year Perak
11 Chinese New Year Seremban
11 Chinese New Year Kulai
12 Fire Relief Programme Sarawak

12 Chinese New Year Sandakan
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3 Community Development Bukit Tampoi
3 Flash Sale Charity Shoppe
3 IRM Shares Experience with the Parents
4 Volunteer Induction Course UKM
4 Cheer to School Maybank Sarawak
5 IRM Welcomes Japanese Students
6 Charity Shoppe Welcomes
PPR Lembah Subang Beneficiaries
8 Cheque Handover from UiTM
10 Volunteer Induction Course Sabah
11 Launching of Northern Disaster Risk Reduction Unit

12-13 Heart at Work Bootcamp 3.0
12 IRM Visits Refugees in Mabul Island
13 IRM Visits Isolated Villages in Sabah
14 IRM Visits 3 Schools in Tawau
20 Perkampungan GOH Bulan Kerja Sosial
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20 IRM Induction to USIM's
22 Sarawak Outreach Uprising Legacy [SOUL]
23 Fire Relief Sandakan
24 Busking 4 Humanity
24 Launching of #SalamRamadan Campaign
27 Penilaian Tahap Nutrisi Pelajar SK Bukit Tampoi
28 Booth at Akademi Havea Malaysia



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