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IRM WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS FROM IR CANADA



Volunteers from Canada interacting with RISE students

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Islamic Relief Malaysia [IRM] is honoured to welcome a group of volunteers from Islamic Relief Canada last April in an effort to foster a better relationship between both entities.

The visitation is officiated by IRM Chief Executive Officer, Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin and he hopes that every volunteer in the programme can understand the various cultures and backgrounds in Malaysia.

Besides, volunteers from Canada had opportunity to visit humanitarian projects implemented in Malaysia as an exposure for them to further understand the hardship faced by some people in the country.

The participants also underwent a Volunteer Induction Course [VIC] managed by IRM so they will be more prepared throughout the programme in Malaysia.

Their stays in Malaysia had further initiated an interest to work alongside IRM on more humanitarian activities with students at Rohingya Intellectual School of Excellence [RISE].

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.



Islamic Relief offering Ramadan Food Pack Distribution in Bosnia & Herzegovina



IRM CEO, Zairulshahfuddin with Somali kids



Eid celebration for 50 children and their mothers by Islamic Relief Jordan

LOCAL CELEBRITIES TO COOPERATE WITH IRM



Selected celebrities taking part in Squad Celebrity Global Volunteers

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) and Ukhwah 4 Ummah (U4U) launched a humanitarian mission namely Squad Celebrity Global Volunteers Project and worked together alongside local celebrities.

The mission deemed to commence on April 18th 2018 aims to accumulate a total amount of funds up to RM2.4 million in order to accomplish development projects in four selected countries, Malawi, Bosnia & Herzegovina, India, and Philippines.

Chief Executive Officer of IRM, Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin said that IRM employs a myriad of different approaches each year in reaching out the community and delivering awareness campaigns pertaining to humanitarian issues occurring across the globe.

As in line with the vision of IRM in an effort to create a caring world, IRM worked together with U4U alongside 12 local celebrities in understanding the hardships and difficulties experienced by those beneficiaries in four countries while being able to deliver humanitarian messages back to the community.



Squad Celebrity Global Volunteers for India and Malawi

Four development projects have begun namely 'School 4 Godda' in India, 'Tabang 4 Marawi' in Philippines, 'Water 4 Malawi' in Malawi, and 'Misija 4 Bosnia' in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Among the celebrities involved in the mission are Irma Hasmie, Redza Syah, Lufya Omar, Diana Amir, Farah Lee, Ashraf Muslim, Faizal Ismail, Fara Fauzana, Zoey Rahman, Lah Ahmad, Nadia Sabrina, and Dhirar Zainal.



Kids learning the essence of health

ISLAMIC RELIEF MALAYSIA COMMITTED TO OFFER HELP

30 beneficiaries under Community Development Project run by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) were given exposures on health concerns in a monthly meeting held at Surau Darul Ihsan Jaya, Tebedu last April.

According to a Medical Officer of Klinik Kesihatan Tebedu, Dr. Norshamira Mohd Radzi, the talk regarding Tuberculosis (TB) is held as a way to educate them on the significance of hygiene and cleanliness as a lot of people have little knowledge about health concerns especially the elderly.

When asked about the impact of the talk, she stressed that it is a social responsibility that should be continuously implemented in the future. With such activity, she believe it's certainly a good way to educate and spread awareness to the beneficiaries.

Most people who seek for treatments at Klinik Kesihatan Tebedu only experience common diseases such as fever, cough, and cold. This indicates that their health condition is still fine.

The monthly gathering conducted by IRM is also an approach to gather all beneficiaries in Tebedu coming from different neighbourhoods such as Kampung Insan Jaya, Kampung Darul Falah, and Kampung Darul Iman.

Apart from health awareness talk, the gathering is also filled with Islamic lectures managed by Ustaz Mahidi from Harakah Islamiah (HIKMAH) Sarawak. The slot is prepared to strengthen their understanding towards Islam while also grow their faith among the beneficiaries as most of them are new families of Islam through public speaking activities.

Community Development Project is an initiative by IRM to develop a community through a multitude of sectors namely sustainable livelihood, health, education and shelters, as well as to improve the socio-economic level in a community.



Beneficiaries are gathered in monthly meeting

ISLAMIC RELIEF MALAYSIA TURNING GREEN

Islamic Relief Malaysia [IRM] sets a new direction in history to keep the environment healthy through a new initiative called "Saving the Planet" in Eastern Malaysia and Indonesia.

According to Chairman, Board of Trustee of IRM, Prof. Dr Azni Idris, "We also need to sustain other living things in the Earth such as the forests and trees as they are considered sustainable sources for human-beings."

In fact, it will be beneficial indirectly to all living things for a long period of time.

Even we just a single tree, the impact is very huge and can last up to 30 to 40 years. This is what we call long-lasting sustainable reward. Through this project, it can also improve the ecosystem and biodiversity of animals.

The green project can make a change towards the climate across the world as our Earth is now experiencing irregular structures of climatic change as a result of the increasing emission of Carbon Dioxide each year.

Among the components of "Saving the Planet" discussed were to empower local communities to grow and plant trees, to provide sustainable income to local communities by providing jobs, value added local economies, and monitoring activities.

Apart from that, the project will focus on agroforestry-based projects and some groups of people such as indigenous people and asnaf.

IRM takes a great responsibility in safeguarding the well-being of environment and the public should work hand in hand alongside IRM to ensure the success of this project.



IRM delegation visited the project site in sabah

HUMANITARIAN CAMPAIGNS FOR ALL



Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) stays persistent to offer awareness campaigns in efforts to deliver necessary information regarding humanitarian projects initiated by IRM itself to the public.

The awareness campaign is done through booth-sales by IRM alongside the cooperation of Bangi-Putrajaya Hotel (BPH) and Bangi Golf Resort (BGR) in the holy month of Ramadan.

The programme which gains full support from both parties also encourages the public to buy while making donations.

Besides, booth-sales which include t-shirt, pointer pen, prayer mat, and cookies made by beneficiaries of IRM can also be purchased at the counter.

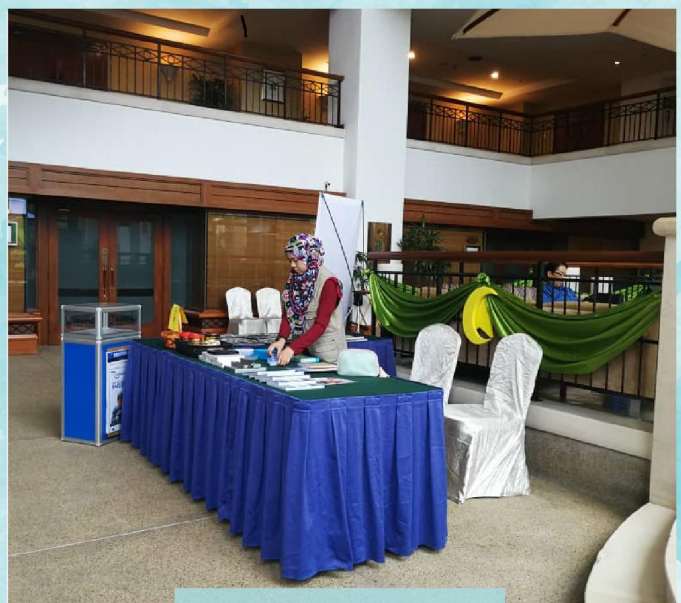
Through the campaign, IRM also aims to build networks and expect to have more donors in the future.



Sharing awareness by IRM



IRM Booth at Bangi Golf Resort



IRM Booth at Bangi Putrajaya Hotel

CELEBRATING EID TOGETHER

On June 7th, 89 beneficiaries were celebrated through 'Ceria di Aidilfitri' project implemented by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) alongside the cooperation of Small-Medium Enterprise Bank (SME Bank) at Mydin Mall USJ.

'Ceria di Aidilfitri' is a project specially implemented for beneficiaries in obtaining contributions in the form of apparels and different arrays of new clothes to celebrate the coming Eid Fitr.

Apart from helping the beneficiaries to get the vibe of Eid Fitr, the project also allows the corporate donor, SME Bank to fill the gap in doing charity and perform their corporate social responsibility in Ramadan.

The project has indirectly become the centre of Rahmah in sharing rizqi together with the beneficiaries to celebrate Syawal which will be observed soon.

One of the beneficiaries, Salizawati Salihudin expressed her thankfulness for the contribution as it lifted out some of the burden on her shoulders to make preparations of Eid Fitr.

On top of that, Juliana Ginting who is a mother of four kids also raised her thankfulness towards IRM and SME Bank because she was able to celebrate Eid Fitr happily this year and her kids felt happy with a new set of apparels.

For information, all beneficiaries involved are from Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Lembah Subang and PPR Kota Damansara respectively.



Beneficiaries shopping for Eid Fitr

IRM's Activities

APRIL

- 1 – Squad Celebrity Global Volunteers Induction
- 3 – Cheer to School Sarawak
- 4 – Pelancaran Majlis Squad Celebrity Global Volunteers Project
- 7 – Program BERZSA UKM, Hulu Tembeling, Pahang
- 7 – Pembangunan Komuniti, Orang Asli, Pos Pulat
- 8 – ASEAN Visit
- 11 – Program Insan Budiman
- 13 – Islamic Relief Canada Visit
- 16 – Program Asas Keusahawanan Rompin
- 18 – Tabang4Marawi
- 19 – Misija4Bosnia
- 27 – Water4Malawi
- 28 – Community Townhall
- 29 – School4Godda

MAY

- 2 – Sambutan Kepulangan Pelajar GAP year USIM
- 4 – Cambodia Visit
- 12 – Ramadhan Relief ASEAN
- 14 – Ramadhan Relief Malaysia
- 15 – Sukan Rakyat, Orang Asli, Pos Pulat, Kelantan
- 15 – Penyerahan Lukisan Misija4Bosnia
- 22 – Jualan Booth IRM-Bangi Golf Resort, Bangi-Putrajaya Hotel

JUNE

- 1 – Majlis Berbuka Puasa IRM
- 3 – Iftar with Rohingya kids
- 6 – Memorandum of Understanding IRM-USIM
- 6 – Pembangunan Komuniti, Orang Asli, Air Banun Gerik, Perak
- 7 – Ceria di Aidilfitri
- 9 – A Moment with Them
- 10 – PERTIS Food Pack Distribution
- 27 – Orang Asli Visit to UPM
- 30 – MySinggah Raya IRM



Fidyah Distribution in Vietnam



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