

Over RM60,000 raised and donated by Maxis for NKF

KUALA LUMPUR: Brimming with high spirits and full of hope, more than 160 Maxis employees stretched out early Saturday morning before taking to the jogging tracks of Lake Gardens for the Maxis Charity Jogathon.

The mission was to raise funds and create awareness for the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). Chipping in for the good cause, Maxis employees raised over RM30,000, while the company matched this amount, bringing the total to RM61,550, said a press release yesterday.

The Charity Jogathon was open to all Maxis employees and categorised into three distances, each requiring a minimum donation amount of RM50 for 5km, RM100 for 10km and RM150 for the 15km run. There were other activities that livened up the event, including Zumba.

"There are around 40,000 kidney patients in Malaysia, and this number increases by 20 per cent every year. Our main aim is to educate the Malaysian public about kidney failure, and to advise patients on what needs to be done after health screenings. The cost



PARTICIPANTS pose for a photo prior to the run.

for dialysis, however, is high. So we rely a lot on donations, which really help us," said Chua Hong Wee, CEO of National Kidney Foundation.

"Life at Maxis is quite extraordinary. We have passionate employees, and we encourage them to channel some of their passion towards activities that help others

in need. Not only are our employees dedicated to their work, they also have an ingrained, socially responsible mindset that is admirable. We are proud to have had

the opportunity to pitch in to raise funds and above all, exceed our RM40,000 target. We hope that our humble contribution will go a long way in support-

ing the NKF and create greater awareness on kidney failure," said Adzhar Ibrahim, Head of People and Organisation, Maxis, the press release concluded.