

Performance benefits kidney foundation

THE Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF) recently hosted its fifth benefit performance "Choral Serenade to Music", together with Sunway University with proceeds going towards the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF).

The performance featured one of the United Kingdom's leading collegiate choirs, the University of Cambridge's Choir of Gonville and Caius College, accompanied by the distinguished Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra.

Under the direction of Dr Geoffrey Webber, the Gonville and Caius College Choir took the 1,100 guests on an enchanting journey through the centuries, buoyed by music from Mozart, and Franz Schubert, including John Tavener and Cheryl Frances-Hoad.

The performance also included a special tribute to Malaysia's musical heritage as the choir performed an arrangement of Malaysian folk songs, handpicked and accompanied on the piano by Jeffrey Cheah Foundation trustee Tunku Zain Al'Abidin Ibni Tuanku Muhriz.

JCF founding trustee Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah presented a cheque for RM300,000, representing the proceeds of the evening, to NKF president Tan Sri Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman.

The proceeds will go towards purchasing six dialysis machines for the NKF's centres in Sabah, Sarawak and Selangor.

The Sunway Group, of which Cheah is founder and chairman, is a long-time supporter of the NKF and has contributed over RM2.5mil over the years.

The concert is part of the

choir's inaugural series of performances in Malaysia, held at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Sunway City.

The concert arose from academic ties initiated in 2014 between the JCF and the University of Cambridge, which resulted in the establishment of a fund for two Jeffrey Cheah Professorial Fellows, who are Fellows of Gonville and Caius College, in perpetuity.

"We are here in Malaysia to not only perform to a discerning audience but also to highlight music and the arts in education," said Dr Webber.

"Tonight is a celebration of our historic past and our bright future with our communities. The musical journey, which had carried the audience through the waves of time, expresses our



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view of education as a timeless engine of sustainability," said Cheah.

The JCF is a long-standing sup-

porter of the role of music and the arts as part of students' education and in shaping the lives of well-rounded individuals.