

Berjaya does its bit for kidney patients

BERJAYA Cares Foundation recently sponsored RM170,000 towards the NKF-Berjaya Resource Centre, which was established in collaboration with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) of Malaysia.

The centre is part of NKF's goal to become a national resource centre in the prevention and treatment of kidney disease. It is meant to be Malaysia's one-stop information hub for all matters related to kidneys and kidney care.

It is also a short walking distance from the NKF-Datuk Dr Sreenevasan dialysis centre.

The centre was launched by 7-Eleven Malaysia Sdn Bhd executive director Tan U-Ming.

Tan said in a statement: "We are proud to be partners with NKF in

establishing the NKF-Berjaya Resource Centre.

"Research has shown that a sedentary lifestyle and poor dietary choices among Malaysians have increased the risk of many non-communicable diseases, including kidney disease."

He said the centre was in line with the foundation's motto of "Building Communities, Enriching Lives".

Also present at the launch was Singer Malaysia Sdn Bhd managing director Yeap Dein Wah, who presented a cheque for RM52,000 in support of two years' operational expenses for the NKF-Berjaya Resource Centre.

Stocked with reading materials on kidney disease, health magazines and educational videos and newsletters,

the resource centre will act as a focal point for all kidney patients, students and researchers to access information related to the kidney and kidney diseases.

It has also lined up a series of activities such as health talks, workshops on producing aprons, tea-towels, soft toys, attractive bags and other saleable items, from which dialysis patients can derive an income.

NKF CEO Chua Hong Wee said providing affordable dialysis treatment is just one aspect of NKF's work.

He said, "The emphasis is also to provide emotional support and guidance to dialysis patients so they can lead productive lives with their families".



Representatives from Berjaya and the National Kidney Foundation pose in front of the new NKF-Berjaya Resource Centre.

Chua said with more than 24,000 dialysis patients nationwide and the numbers growing annually, it has become important to reach out and

educate them on various aspects of the disease as well as improving their standard of living with part-time work.