

Batu Arang folk attend free medical camp



*Datuk Dr Low Teong conducting a **dental examination** on a resident. With him are William Leong Jee Keen (left) and Capt H.S. Dharan (third from left).*

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 200 residents including children from Batu Arang were given free medical care by the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya (RCPJ) with the cooperation of the Inner Wheel Club of Petaling Jaya recently.

The RCPJ Medical Camp 2013 was aimed at improving the quality of life among the residents of Batu Arang, mainly the less privileged.

RCPJ president Capt H.S. Dharan said that early detection was imperative to ensure a healthy life.

Among the services offered were general screening, cholesterol and kidney function test, eye examination to detect mainly glaucoma and cataract, dental examination to detect gum diseases and tooth decay as well as deworming.

The screening was conducted by professionals from the National Kidney Foundation, general practitioners and specialists in their respective fields.

Dharan also said that more

than half of the residents in Batu Arang were senior citizens who required the extra push, care and support as they generally tended to neglect their health.

He added that the senior citizens here contributed tremendously to the growth of the country's economy through the mining industry which was the key economic activity here in the 1960s.

Many senior citizens who were part of this industry were among those who received the free medical screening.

Those who turned up expressed their gratitude to RCPJ for embarking on community-based initiatives to help them lead a healthier and more productive life.

Dharan said that RCPJ was glad to help these residents and would continue to initiate similar programmes in future to lessen the burden of the government.

The camp was launched by Seiyang MP William Leong Jee Keen.