

Health tests for the needy

Batu Arang residents get free medical care at camp

TWO hundred Batu Arang residents, including children, received free medical care courtesy of the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya (RCPJ), in cooperation with the Petaling Jaya Inner Wheel Club.

This was part of RCPJ's Medical Camp 2013, aimed at improving the quality of life among Batu Arang's less privileged residents.

RCPJ president Capt H.S. Dharan said early detection of diseases was imperative in order to sustain a good quality of life.

Selayang MP William Leong launched the medical camp, which offered services such as general health screening, as well as cho-

lesterol and kidney function tests.

There were also eye examinations for glaucoma and cataract detection, as well as dental health experts on hand for gum disease, tooth decay and deworming.

The medical specialists came from the National Kidney Foundation, general practitioners and respective medical specialists.

Dharan explained that more than 50% of Batu Arang's residents were senior citizens who had worked in the town's mining industry during the 1960s, and that they needed the extra push, care and support as they tended to neglect their health.



Prevention better than cure: Datuk Dr Low Teong conducting a dental examination on a resident as Leong (left) and Dharan look on.