

Penang Hindu Endowment Board enjoys big donations

GEORGE TOWN: The Penang Hindu Endowment Board (PHEB) collected RM296,964.92 in donations during the three-day Thaipusam celebration.

It said the amount also included donations in gold.

The golden chariot procession received cash and gold totalling RM123,307.94, while cash and gold amounting to RM173,656.98 was collected at the Sree Arulmigu Balathandayuthapani Waterfall Hilltop Temple.

The donation was higher than the RM264,872.71 collected last year, the Board said yesterday.

It said the money would be used for education purposes.

Meanwhile, trustees of the Nattukotai Chettiar Temple in Waterfall Road said it received a total of RM207,890.40 from devotees during the silver chariot procession, lower than the RM217,140.60 collected last year.

It said four organisations – the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia, Penang Welfare Association for Mentally Retarded Children, the SJKT Jalan Sungai Parent-Teachers Association and Penang Shan Children's Home Association – were each given RM5,000.