

Fueling hope for kidney patients

SHELL and NKF helped kidney patients with their treatment during Syawal festive season. Shell Malaysia Trading Sdn Bhd kick-started their Syawal charity campaign called Anda pa, Kami Derma to support the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF).

The campaign was done on the weekends starting from 15 June, with every litre of petrol pumped at Shell stations in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan, 315 Shell retailers have channelled one cent (RM0.01) to NKF's fund towards supporting under-privileged dialysis patients, as well as purchasing new dialysis machines for NKF's dialysis centres.

Speaking during the launch ceremony with NKF, Zharin Mohd Zhafrail, National Sales Manager of Shell Malaysia Trading Sdn Bhd expressed her delight at Shell Retailers' contribution to strengthen the support by working together with untiring effort to give back to the society.

"At Shell, our mission is to make life journeys better for all Malaysians. We want to leave a positive impact in the communities where we operate and this initiative is something prevalent that we want to embark on for all our stations nationwide. With the contribution of the fund and new dialysis machines, we want to help kidney patients restore their dignity and further improve their ability to take part in the community," said Zharin.

"Every year, NKF needs to raise RM24.9 million



Representatives of Shell Malaysia and National Kidney Foundation (NKF) of Malaysia taking a group photo after the successful launch of the campaign.

to subsidise the dialysis treatments cost for 1,600 who seek dialysis treatment at our 28 dialysis centres nationwide. In Malaysia, 7,000 new patients are diagnosed with kidney failure annually. The majority of NKF's patients are financially-challenged elderly individuals aged between 50-65 years old who cannot afford the higher cost at private medical facilities," said Chua Hong Wee, Chief Executive Officer of NKF.

"This partnership served as a vital stepping-stone for us to continue supporting and improving lives of our dialysis patients. We are especially thankful towards Shell Malaysia who has contributed to NKF by organising this fundraising campaign which will eventually grant an additional dialysis machine to one of our 28 dialysis centres. Each dialysis machine runs between seven to ten years with maintenance and every year at least twenty dialysis machines will be replaced. We need the donations for dialysis machines to keep the treatments going for our dialysis patients. With that, we are very pleased to have tied-up with Shell," he added. — **The Health**