

Tan (in white shirt) presenting the RM10,000 cheque to Yong at the dialysis centre.

RM10,000 donation for dialysis centre supported by church

CHERAS MP Tan Kok Wai has donated RM10,000 to Calvary Dialysis Centre in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, using allocations from his service centre.

He presented the cheque to Calvary Church person-in-charge for Social Concerns pastor Raymond Yong at the centre.

"According to the Malaysian Society of Nephrology, Malaysia has one of the highest dialysis treatment rates.

"There are more than 40,000 patients needing dialysis treatment and this number is expected to reach 50,000 next year," said Tan.

Calvary Dialysis Centre was established last year in a joint partnership with National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and Calvary Church, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur.

Operated by NKF, it provides dialysis treatment to Hepatitis B and C patients and can accommodate 72 people.

The centre operates six days a week and each treatment costs RM90.

"Some patients receive free treatment as it is subsidised by the government.

"I will help raise funds or find sponsors for the centre.

"I also urge the Finance Ministry to allocate more funds for welfare, health and education," said Tan.

Calvary Church Missions pastor Steven Kum said Tan's contribution would lessen the burden of the centre.

"Some church volunteers also provide emotional support to the patients," he said.