



(From third right) Mona, Lim, Dr Sim, Dr Wong and others at the mock cheque presentation. — Photo by Muhammad Rais Sanusi

OCBC Kuching donates RM40,000 to new haemodialysis centre

KUCHING: OCBC Bank Kuching Branch yesterday handed over RM40,000 to Kidney Association of Sarawak (KAS) and Rotary Club of Kuching (RCK) for a new haemodialysis machine.

The machine is for a new haemodialysis centre in Kota Samarahan expected to be operational soon.

Local Government and Housing Minister Dato Sri Dr Sim Kui Hian witnessed the

handover from OCBC Bank Kuching Branch senior manager Jessie Lim to KAS deputy president Dr Simon Wong and RCK president Mona Abdul Manap during a ceremony held at the KAS-National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Dialysis Centre at Jalan Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce here.

According to Dr Wong, KAS has been working closely with RCK in reaching out to kidney patients since 2000.

He said the new haemodialysis centre in Kota Samarahan will have a total of 12 machines for 72 patients.

“We understand there is the need to have a new dialysis centre, hence, we contribute a new haemodialysis machine to the centre. This is not going to be the last for us to contribute to the community,” said Lim in her brief address.

Earlier, Mona said the treatment rate among kidney

patients in Sarawak was relatively low at 177 patients per million population compared to the national rate of 248 patients.

Given this, Mona said they would continue providing support for kidney patients in the state and take on an awareness campaign on prevention of the disease.

She hoped that the public would either donate money or time to make the campaign a success.