



Charity Trip to Petrosains at Suria KLCC

Kuala Lumpur, 24 May 2009 – About 80 children and parents from the Asthma Children's Club and Families with Children with Lung Diseases will experience the wonders of science and technology at PETROSAINS, Suria KLCC this Sunday 24th May.

The trip organized by the Lung Foundation of Malaysia hopes to bring some cheer and delight to children with lung diseases and give them the opportunity to get away from the confine of their homes and hospital beds.

According to Lung Foundation of Malaysia (LFM) Chairman, Dr Zainudin bin Md Zin, this is the fourth charity trip organized by LFM since its inception in November 2005.

“This outing is part of our effort in helping these paediatric patients live their lives to the fullest as some of them do not have the opportunity to attend school or be outdoors, as they have to be confined indoors due to their serious illness, ” said Dr Zainudin.

Lung disease is a common problem worldwide. Asthma inflicted about 300 million people in the world currently and about 1.5 million people in Malaysia. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) affects about 20% of adults above 40 years and associated with high mortality and suffering. Other diseases such as lung cancer, lung fibrosis and bronchopulmonary dysplasia although less common, are more debilitating.

“Not many Malaysians understand these lung diseases. As urgent and long-term treatment is required for lung diseases, many patients find themselves lack financial capability to seek for suitable treatment. In view of this, some medical professionals and corporate citizens established the LFM to provide financial assistance to patients in need of life support devices such as oxygen concentrators and ventilators which are costly, ” added Dr Zainuddin.

The Lung Foundation of Malaysia offers support with the hope that patients afflicted with lung diseases can lead better quality life with minimal suffering.

“Beside promoting scientific research by providing research grants and awards for best scientific research in the areas relating to lung disease, LFM also promotes awareness and public education through workshops, seminars and events, as well as treatment guidelines on pamphlets and flyers for the public, ” added Dr Zainudin.

This is a fourth charity trip organised by the Foundation since its establishment in November 2005. The first trip, which also marked the official launch of LFM, was held in

Zoo Negara in 2006, the second was at the Aquaria KLCC in 2007, while last year's trip was to Putrajaya.

