



Thank you: Gan (left) and Puan Sri Siew Yong Gnanalingam (right) presenting a token of appreciation to Dr Ng, the guest of honour of the night.

Well done: Gan (second from left) handing the mock cheque to winner BCWA chief executive officer Ranjit Kaur (fourth from left) as Dr Ng applauds.

Helping is a good habit

Recognising those who made a big difference to society

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THE Malaysian Fundraising Awards gala dinner was indeed a night of rewards and recognition for those who lent a helping hand to the society.

Around 450 guests from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the corporate sector from 21 countries attended the event organised by Resource Alliance (RA) Malaysia.

RA Malaysia chairman Gan Chin Kew said in his opening speech that the event aimed to recognise the organisations'

efforts to make a difference in the society.

"I want to thank all of you, especially the NGOs for their efforts to help the community," he said.

Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen, who was the guest of honour, said everyone was responsible in creating a harmonious society.

"We cannot depend solely on the Government for this. The public sector and NGOs must do their part as well.

"I believe that some of the projects carried out by local NGOs are in line with our vision to preserve, conserve and protect Mother Nature," she said.

The highlight of the night was none other than the prize-giving ceremony where Kechara Soup Kitchen emerged second runner-up for their winning project, which involved providing food to the homeless, mostly in the Chow Kit area.

The MAA-Medicare Kidney Charity Fund bagged the first runner-up prize for offering subsidised dialysis treatment to needy patients while the Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA) emerged as the winner.

BCWA's winning project provided patients with free mammograms, counselling sessions as well as classes to

make silicone prosthesis.

The winners received a trophy each while the grand champion received an additional RM10,000.

According to RA Malaysia director Ann Woo, the submissions for the award required NGOs to send a full report of their project to London where it was judged by RA United Kingdom (UK).

The event ended with a dazzling performance of Samba, Salsa and the Hijau dance by members of the Aurora Dance school, Capoeira dance from Bantus Capoeira and a fashion showcase of *baju kebaya* from Amber Chia Academy.



Hard work pays off: Ranjit from BCWA with the award.