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MAA Medicare receives two machines worth RM80,000

Kind deed: (From left) Mohd Radzi, Lee and Iskandar Michael showing the sticker that would be on donated dialysis machines. On the left is patient Ong Han Wei, 35 from Sri Petaling.

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IT WAS a great relief for the MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Fund (MAA Medicare) which received two haemodialysis machines worth RM80,000 from SP Setia Foundation.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, SP Setia Foundation chairman, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, said: "This is the fourth time the foundation is helping MAA Medicare.

"The first donation was in the year 2000, then in 2008 and later in 2012, when we donated a van to assist in transporting patients to the centre".

SP Setia Foundation board of trustee member Tan Sri Mohd Radzi Sheikh Ahmad was also present at the event.

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– TAN SRI LEE LAM THYE

SP Setia Foundation also donated RM248,500 worth of haemodialysis machines to several other needy centres such as St. John's Ambulance and Persatuan Haemodialysis Pasar Besar Meru.

"Only those helping the low-income group and the poor were chosen," said Lee.

MAA Medicare Board of Trustees member Datuk Seri Iskandar Michael said: "I thank SP Setia Foundation for donating the machines. I hope other corporate companies and individuals will also come forward and help us".

MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Fund senior vice-president Aliyah Karen said: "Both the machines will be given to our centres in Butterworth and Kota Baru as both are in need of new dialysis machines. The existing ones are more than seven years old".

A haemodialysis machine can last seven to eight years.

Lee said Malaysians should care for their organs, especially kidneys, as the number of kidney failure cases was increasing.