

Dance party raises RM111,000

Collection to go towards treatment for patients with kidney failure

JAZZERCISE Malaysia has raised RM111,000 from the Sweat2Smiles charity dance party it hosted, to support the efforts of MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Fund.

MAA Medicare is a local charity organisation that provides subsidised dialysis treatment for more than 830 patients with kidney failure.

An estimated 500 people, including top jazzercise instructors from studios across Malaysia, customers, family and friends from as far as the Seychelles, Norway and Japan, collected pledges and participated in this huge group dance fitness event at the Tan Sri Hamzah Arena, Wisma OCM (Olympic Council of Malaysia) in Kuala Lumpur.

Themed "Sweat2smiles 2014 - 10-20-30 Years of Excellence", the event simultaneously celebrated 10 years of home-grown jazzercise instructors, the 20th anniversary of MAA Medicare serving the community and Jazzercise district manager for Malaysia Christina Yap's 30 years as a franchised jazzercise instructor.

Proceeds from the event will be channelled to MAA Medicare. Encouraged by the fun and high-energy action-packed sessions, several companies contributed to the success of the event.

"Jazzercise Sweat2Smiles was a tremendous success as we were able to bring Malaysians together to do



"To be able to make a difference by raising RM111,000 for MAA Medicare is icing on the cake. "Jazzercise may be relatively small and unknown in Malaysia, but we do produce real results as our fundraising effort has proven," she added. MAA Medicare chief executive officer Aliyah Karen said, "We are extremely grateful to the organisers and instructors who put together this event for the benefit of the needy. "Our sincere thanks goes out to all the participants and sponsors for their support. We could not have



- 1 An estimated 500 participants from as far as the Seychelles, Norway and Japan, taking part in the event.
- 2 Jazzercise instructors and representatives of sponsors celebrating their hard work and dedication in trying to raise funds.
- 3 Yap celebrating 30 years of excellence as a franchised Jazzercise instructor.