

## **KEMBARA SEMARAK RAMADAN BRINGS JOY TO NEEDY FAMILIES**

Kuala Lumpur, 2 September 2010 – Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) recently joined hands with OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad, Galeri Ilmu, and Perbandanan Perpustakaan Awam Selangor (PPAS) to make the Ramadan Al-Mubarak season a meaningful one for several needy families in and around the Subang area.

Through a one-day programme that included a series of community activities, the organisers capped off a fine day with a visit to about 30 families from *golongan asnaf* at Subang Bestari, bringing them daily necessities. In addition, OCBC Al-Amin handed over RM7,000 to LZS as its *zakat perniagaan* (business tithe) to be used to aid the needy. The cheque was presented by the Bank's Chairman Tan Sri Dato Nasruddin Bahari.

According to Director & CEO of OCBC Al-Amin, Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, the staff of the Bank had recently dug into their own pockets to raise a total of an additional RM6,000 for the gifts to the needy and *duit raya* to help them celebrate the upcoming Hari Raya with more joy.

"We are excited to have been able to play a part in helping our friends here at Subang Bestari and hope this small gesture will go some way toward easing their financial burdens," he said.

The day ended with staff from all five organisations holding a *buka puasa* gathering with the families.

Prior to this event, the staff of OCBC Al-Amin also participated in a *gotong-royong* event organised by LZS in Hulu Selangor. The one-day programme was set up as a series of activities that included a motivational talk to 100 children of Kampung Serigala and Kampung Selisek. It wrapped up with a visit to 10 selected underprivileged families, who were given donations of food and basic necessities.

Commenting on the effort, LZS CEO Tuan Haji Mohamed Izam Mohamed Yusof said: "We need the support of all caring people to help us carry on with the good work of helping the needy and to foster the spirit of Ramadan. It is indeed very encouraging to see the private sector coming out in numbers to collaborate with us in contributing to the poor."

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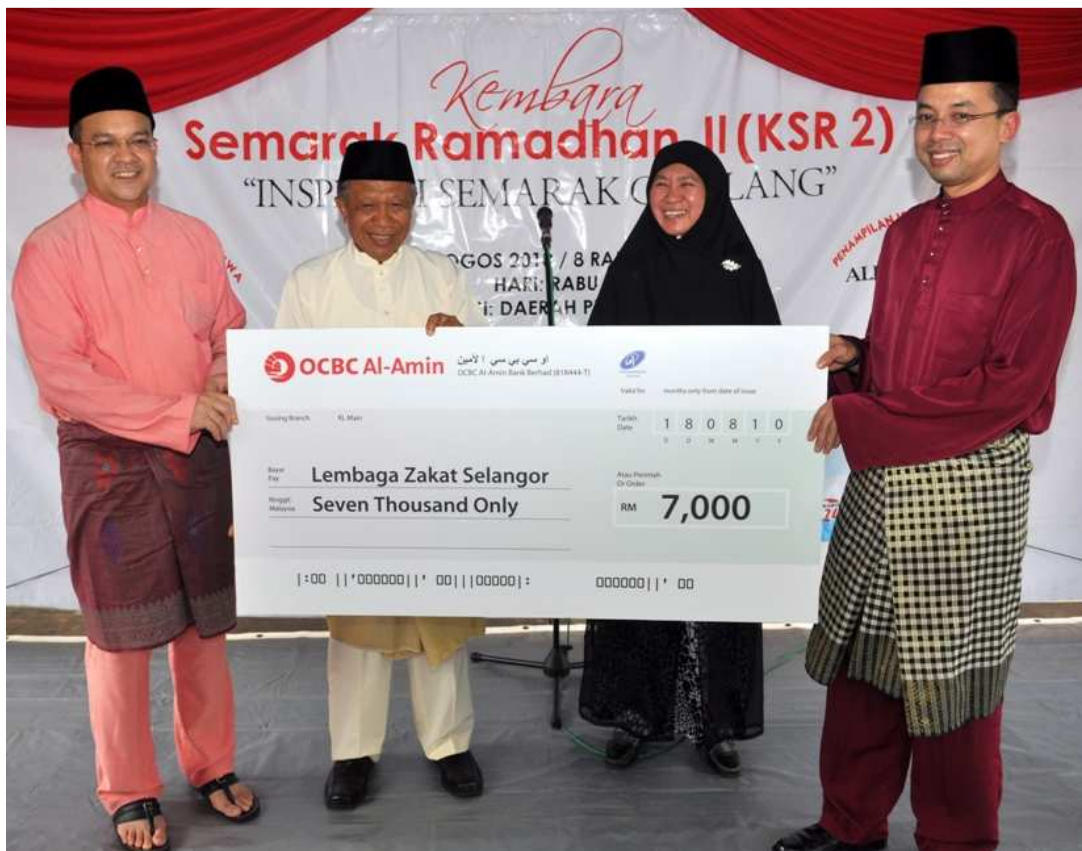
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Director & CEO of OCBC Al-Amin, Syed Abdull Aziz (far left) presenting the Zakat to Lembaga Zakat Selangor CEO, Haji Mohamed Izam Mohamed Yusof (far right). Looking on in the centre are (left to right) Chairman of OCBC Al-Amin and OCBC Bank Malaysia, Tan Sri Dato Nasruddin Bahari and Exco of Selangor, Dr.Hajah Halimah Ali.



Chairman of OCBC Al-Amin, Tan Sri Dato Nasruddin Bahari (centre, in white), Director & CEO of OCBC Al-Amin, Syed Abdull Aziz (centre, in pink) and staff of OCBC Al-Amin posing with the families they visited.