

OCBC AL-AMIN CEO LEADS THE WAY IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO KL'S NEEDY

Kuala Lumpur, 4 July 2011 – OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) Director & CEO Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik led the way as about twenty of the Bank's staff recently congregated in the poorer parts of Jalan Chow Kit and Kotaraya areas to offer food to the homeless and hardcore poor.

The food distribution initiative was carried out by the Islamic banking arm of OCBC Bank in partnership with Pertiwi Soup Kitchen which has been actively providing for the needy in the heart of Kuala Lumpur since March last year.

“In a country like ours, no one should ever go hungry, and we are pleased to note that most Malaysians’ needs are indeed seen to. However, there remain pockets of people even in the heart of our beloved country who still go hungry. Hunger should not be tolerated as the norm in any society and we are pleased today to be doing our bit to alleviate the situation and also to raise awareness about the plight of people in these circumstances,” said Syed Abdull Aziz.



OCBC Al-Amin CEO Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik handing out the food packs to the needy.

Not only did Syed and his staff walk the streets from 9.00-10.30pm offering food packs, they performed all the necessary legwork to collect donations from among themselves to raise money for the food.

“We initiated a staff donation drive earlier this year as we wanted to participate in an almsgiving activity. One of our colleagues suggested that we approach Pertiwi Soup Kitchen whom we discovered was doing a good job through this noble effort. We immediately contacted them to make arrangements to donate the money collected and assured them that we would volunteer to head down to the streets as well. We are glad to have made good our promise. This was certainly an engaging, fruitful and eye-opening exercise for all of us,” he said.

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