

Bank Islam presents RM52,500 zakat to UMS, UiTM and 50 poor people



Khairul (back row, centre) in a group photo with some of the zakat recipients.



Khairul presenting zakat to one of the children.

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KOTA KINABALU: Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad presented zakat totalling RM52,500 to 50 asnaf (poor), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) during its East Malaysia Region Raya Open House here yesterday.

Of the total, RM35,000 was allotted to UMS and RM10,000 to UiTM Sabah while 20 students from SK Pendidikan Khas Sabah and 30 asnaf that include students, mualaf (Muslim converts), single mothers and senior citizens received RM150

each.

Presenting the zakat was Bank Islam chief executive officer Khairul Kamarudin.

"Bank Islam takes this opportunity in conjunction with Syawal to fulfill its responsibility to pay zakat, hoping that it will enliven the celebration of Aidilfitri among the asnaf," he said.

According to him, Bank Islam has distributed RM393,576.87 of 2017 tithe to the poor and NGOs to aid their activities and developments apart from surau, mosques and schools constructions in Sabah.

Throughout Malaysia, more than RM13.3 million worth of tithe from 2017 had been distributed by Bank Islam.

Apart from allocating funds for the asnaf, the bank's zakat also goes to other channels including Bank Islam Housing Aid Project (Projek Bantuan Rumah Bank Islam), Religion Institution Development programmes, university seminars, academic materials printing, dakwah activities and its 'Surau Imarah' programme.

A large number of its corporate social responsibility programmes are also designed specifically to go in line with various yearly zakat programmes.