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Sunway's AUSMAT students a caring lot

STUDENTS pursuing the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) programme at Sunway College raised RM15,000 during the annual "I Care Day" event, which was held on April 28 this year.

Among the activities carried out during the fundraising were food and handicraft sales, games on campus and beauty services, such as nail painting and henna tattoo.

At the event, each class in the programme was assigned with running booths selling food or organising games.

Sunway College AUSMAT director Vanitha Satchithanadan said the event was to educate students and raise awareness on the plight of the underprivileged.

"We would like students to know that their efforts can make a difference, as they can give back to the community and society."

She said this year, a new activity — the AUSMAZING Race — was introduced.

Vanitha said the race, which was held on June 13, was organised by the AUSMAT Student Council and lecturers.

"In the race, participants were required to figure out clues given to them

and complete challenges along a pre-determined route.

"Besides raising funds, the AUSMAZING Race was organised to create a positive team culture and help students establish the role of being a leader."

She added that the AUSMAT programme at Sunway College aimed at providing students with a well-rounded education that went beyond classroom learning.

She said events, such as "I Care Day", gave students the opportunity to explore the business models and marketing techniques that they learned in the classroom.

At the same time, students are able to gather with peers and lecturers to raise funds for a good cause.

The funds raised during "I Care Day" were handed to beneficiaries at a small ceremony on Aug 6.

Yayasan Chow Kit received RM5,000, while the Children's Wish Society of Malaysia and Elshaddai Refugee Learning Centre received RM3,000 each.

Another RM3,000 was donated for the setting up of a mini library in Taman Permata in Dengkil, Selangor.

The Children's Wish Society of Malaysia was represented by Rozana Hassan and Wivien Tan, while the

Elshaddai Refugee Learning Centre was represented by Dr Chia Chee Ming.

The remaining aid has been set aside for AUSMAT students and lecturers, who are planning to visit a centre that helps children with autism and other learning disabilities. The visit is scheduled in November.

Students enrolled in the AUSMAT programme at Sunway College get hands-on experience in class activities, where they learn teamwork, interpersonal and leadership skills.

The programme focuses on the holistic development of students by addressing individual learning needs and personal growth.

In addition, AUSMAT utilises multiple approaches to enhance students' problem solving and critical thinking skills, among others.

The broad learning pedagogies in AUSMAT prepare students for university-level studies, as well as enable them to put into practice the various skills learnt in many disciplines and specialisations.

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(From top) 1. Wivien Tan and Rozana Hassan, representing the Children's Wish Society of Malaysia, receiving a mock cheque from Sunway College AUSMAT director Vanitha Satchithanadan.

2. AUSMAT students at their booth during the 'I Care Day' event.

3. Excited participants of the AUSMAZING Race.

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