

Medical supplies and cash for Mercy

VOLUNTEER relief organisation Mercy Malaysia's plea for medical aid tugged at the heartstrings of the people at pharmaceutical company Pharmaniaga Berhad.

The company handed over medical supplies worth RM42,000 and RM10,000 to Mercy in aid of the victims of the earthquake in Padang, Indonesia, recently.

The supplies, comprising mainly antibiotics and pain-killers, were handed over to Mercy acting general manager Mohd Shahrudin Asmani by Pharmaniaga Berhad corporate communications general manager Akmal Baqi Mohamed Ariff.

Pharmaniaga has an Indonesian subsidiary company, PT Millennium Pharmacon International Tbk, which has 29 branch offices in the republic. The contribution of medical supplies is Pharmaniaga's gesture of giving back to the community in Indonesia.

"Our presence in Indonesia makes it more poignant for us to heed the call of those who are in need of immediate healthcare

attention," said Pharmaniaga Berhad managing director Mohamad Abdullah.

In 2005, Pharmaniaga was the first local healthcare company to send humanitarian medical aid to tsunami-stricken Aceh through the Royal Malaysian Air Force. Pharmaniaga also sent three tonnes of medical supplies on board the Malaysian navy vessel *KD Mahawangsa*. Both donations were coordinated by the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

"This isn't the first time we are collaborating with Mercy. Our on-going projects, like the health-screening for AADK (Agensi Anti Dadah Kebangsaan), reflects Pharmaniaga's responsibility as a caring corporate citizen," Mohamad added.

"Mercy has always been known for its speed in responding to disasters such as this, and we are confident that the medical supplies we contributed will go directly to those in need," he said, adding that the company was pleased to be a partner of Mercy and to support its noble cause.

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