

Bid to buy ambulance to serve tourist belt area

A FIVE-STAR hotel in Batu Ferringhi, Penang, aims to raise RM70,000 to purchase an ambulance for community use in the area.

"Hard Rock Hotel will be dedicating its biannual Rock To Rock Run on June 23 towards the Ambulance For Life project," said its general manager John Primmer.

He said the Ambulance for Life project, which requires RM185,000, received overwhelming support

from the Penang government together with several agencies and associations as they shared the concern of having such a vehicle stationed within the Batu Ferringhi and Teluk Bahang vicinity.

"The Ambulance For Life project will greatly benefit the local community, tourists and hotel guests, who presently rely heavily on the emergency response service from the Penang Hospital," said

Primmer at the recent press conference.

"An ambulance from the Penang Hospital would take about 45 minutes to reach Batu Ferringhi and with an ambulance stationed in the area, it would definitely cut down time to send those in need of urgent medical treatment."

He added that the state government, the Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Penang Chapter and several other companies had

agreed to co-sponsor the purchase of the ambulance.

Meanwhile, Penang State Youth and Sport Committee chairman Soon Lip Chee hailed the initiative taken by the hotel.

"The ambulance will be managed and operated by the Civil Defence Force to enhance emergency response service and ensure that we continue to save lives in this part of the island," he added. — Bernama



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