



Putting a smile on Orang Asli's faces

KUALA LUMPUR: Insaf Malaysia celebrates its fruitful partnership with Star Foundation, the charitable arm of Star Media Group Bhd, in the construction of houses for the Orang Asli.

Star Media Group (SMG) group chief executive officer Andreas Vogiatzakis said the partnership started in 2014 and had been one of Insaf's earliest supporters for its various causes.

"That relationship has grown strong with fruitful results. It is most rewarding to see how it has developed over the years," he said on Sunday night.

He said to date, Star Foundation had sponsored the construction of 16 houses in Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang and Kelantan with a total donation of RM425,000.

"This year, we are planning to help them build another two," he said.

"Apart from building houses and allowing Orang Asli to live in a better environment and focus on the family, making a living and having a better life, it gives us the opportunity to be involved in something that adds meaning and value to society."

The programme is also part of SMG's employee volunteer programme. Each session saw about 20-odd employee volunteers working together to complete new homes for the families.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail hoped Insaf Malaysia's good efforts could be expanded not only for charitable activities but also to assist during natural disasters like floods as well as to help the poor.

"Insaf Malaysia's success for more than 10 years was due to its close cooperation with volunteers, donors, sponsors and from the public," she said.

Insaf Malaysia carries out local and international humanitarian aid activities for the less fortunate affected by disasters and poverty.

Allies doing good: Vogiatzakis (right) with Insaf Malaysia president and founder Ishak Abdul Kadir together with Dr Wan Azizah in Kuala Lumpur to celebrate Insaf Malaysia's 10th anniversary.