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# Help the young ones

**A**LTHOUGH we are now in the 21st century, many children in Southeast Asia are victims of extreme poverty and hunger.

Their basic necessities are not met and their rights are overlooked. Some engage in hazardous work and dangerous activities just to earn a living.

Realising this, the Student Representative Council of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has started the Southeast Asia Children Charity Community (SEACCC) to help children in this region.

The aims of SEACCC are multiple-fold – to enhance social awareness among undergraduates, decrease child abuse, raise funds for unfortunate children in Southeast Asia, and provide education for them.

In view of these aims, SEACCC recently held a summit at UPM's Medical and Health Science faculty. Among the universities which attended were Universiti Brunei Darussalam, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Present at the launch were Youth and Sports Ministry deputy director-general Wasitah Mohd Yusof and Universal Peace Federation chairman Dr Yoo Chong Young.

At the summit, it was decided that funds be allocated to help provide the children of Cambodia with textbooks, stationery, food, shelter and medical supplies as well as counselling and motivation.

To realise this, SEACCC is organising a cultural performance charity night to raise funds.

The event will be held on Nov 28 at Palace of the Golden Horses (Grand Ballroom), Selangor, during which every university in Southeast Asia will be invited to present a cultural performance.

Tickets are available for sale to the public.

Corporations are also invited to sponsor the event.

Those interested to help, either by purchasing tickets or via sponsorship, can call Sherine Lee at 012-583 9784, or Heng Cheng Huai at 016-625 5993.



Students from Universiti Brunei Darussalam, NUS, UPM and Chulalongkorn University are working hand-in-hand to raise funds to help unfortunate children in the region.