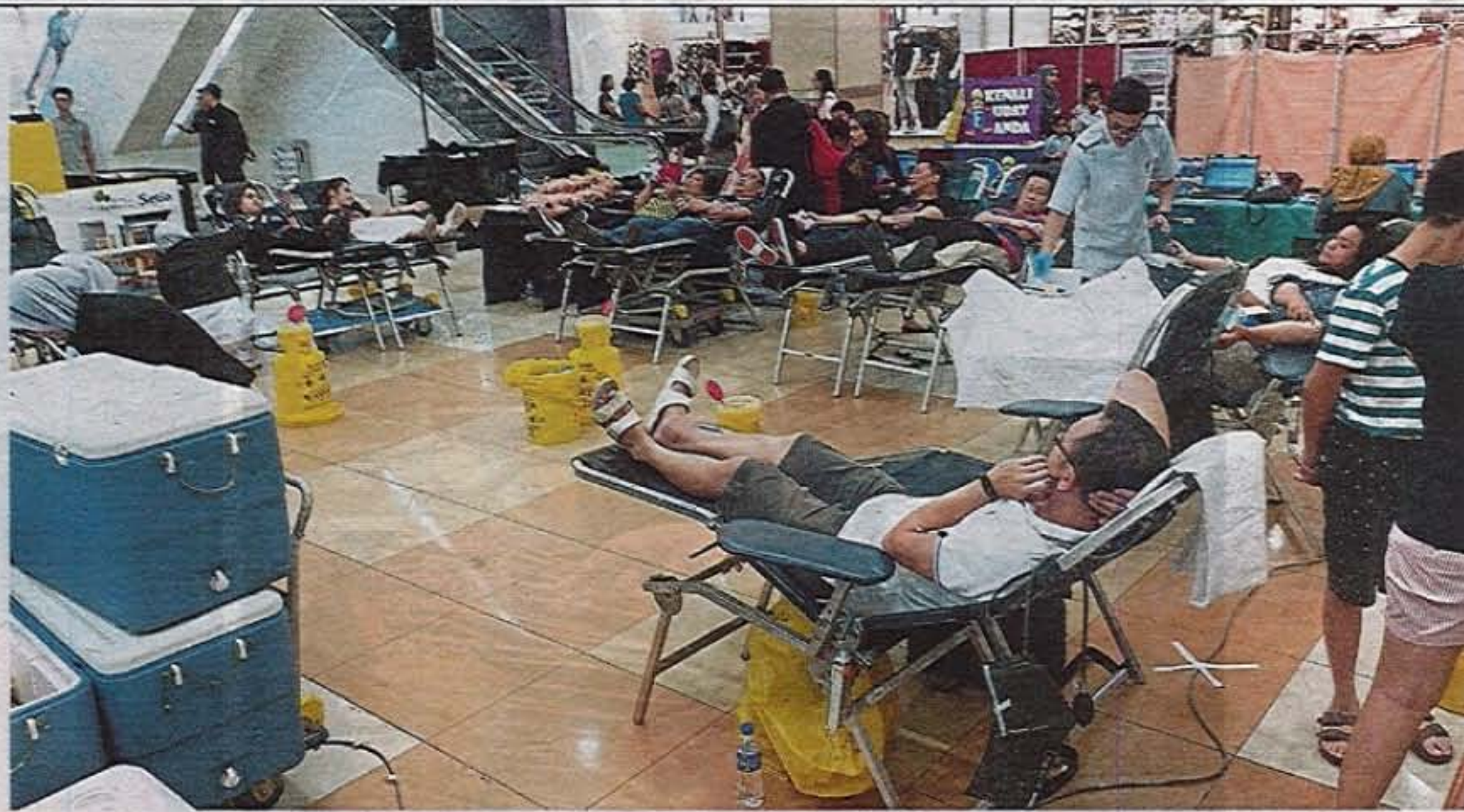


# Pre-Ramadan blood donation drive a success

MRSMA alumni collects 6,000 pints in three-day campaign at malls and public universities



Donors at Ansara's blood donation campaign at an Aeon shopping centre.

A TOTAL of 6,000 pints of blood was collected within three days at the Mara Junior Science College Alumni (Ansara) Blood Donation Campaign (ABDC18).

The event was carried out at 26 Aeon shopping centres, Mydin Gong Badak, Kuantan City Mall, Imago Shopping Mall Kota Kinabalu and public universities in Malaysia.

The campaign, from May 11 to 13, was organised by Ansara Malaysia in coordination with the National Blood Bank, Aeon and a few other organisations.

It was the 12th blood donation campaign organised by the Ansara alumni since they started it in 2007.

From the initial collection of 1,250 pints in the early years, the campaign has accumulated 73,000 pints of blood to-date.

This year, Ansara aim is to collect 10,000 pints of blood.

Ansara president Datuk Kamarul Redzuan

Mohamed congratulated the thousands of Malaysians who donated blood for the campaign.

"We chose the last weekend before Ramadan as records indicate that the Blood Bank registers a tremendous shortfall during the fasting month as Muslims do not donate blood during the time.

"I visited some of the donation centres at the malls during the campaign and was glad with the response and sincerity of Malaysians of all races donating blood.

"For the three days, we had the cooperation of Aeon and Mydin which provided space and comfortable facilities for the donation centres at all venues in Malaysia.

"We also had the cooperation of higher learning institutions such as Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM).

ABDC18 was launched on May 8 at UPM

and May 15 at UPNM.

"UiTM also set up 20 blood donation centres at all their campuses.

"Ansara is grateful to be able to work closely with the highly experienced and dynamic Sathya Sai International Organisation which helped to significantly increase total blood collection in some locations," said Kamarul.

In this year's campaign, he said they had the support of Pusat Kesihatan Universiti Awam being one of the arms of Majlis Kesihatan Universiti Awam Malaysia.

"Ansara plans to continue organising the ABDC in the future and is willing to work with more organisations offering cooperation for the welfare of Malaysians of various races and religion," he added.

Ansara is an organisation for MRSMA students alumni. It was registered in 1993 and to-date has about 220,000 ex-MRSMA members from 56 MRSMA throughout Malaysia.



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