

# Aid brings tears of gratitude

CHINESE New Year is over but the caring spirit continued when volunteers from Ivorycares and MBI Charity 100 visited Penang Hospital to give aid to patients.

The groups donated 15 reclining wheelchairs and 30 ripple mattresses. They also gave out 500 red packets to patients.

Their generosity brought joy to patients and some even burst into tears.

Wan Mohd Zulhilmi Wan Ismail, 29, was teary-eyed when he received a wheelchair and mattress from the group.

His mother Nor Asiah Mokhtar, 54, said her son was touched by the kind deed.

“He was a civil servant in Sabah before falling sick last June. Doctors said his brain was attacked by a virus,” she said.

A ripple mattress helps bedridden patients avoid pressure sores. Different segments of the mattress are repeatedly inflated and deflated to change the positions where

pressure is applied to the skin.

Ivorycares president Datuk Ooi Chin Loo said the group was happy to help.

“During the Hari Raya season last year, we gave *duit raya* to patients. This year, the hospital proposed we donate medical equipment.”

Penang Hospital Visitors Board chairman Lim Thoon Deong said many needy patients could not afford medical equipment.

“I urge organisations who wish to contribute to contact the hospital’s Social Welfare Department or the visitors’ board,” he said.

Penang Hospital director Datuk Dr Norsidah Ismail expressed her gratitude to Ivorycares and MBI Charity 100.

Ivorycares is the charity arm of Ivory Properties Group Berhad and MBI Charity 100 is the social responsibility effort of MBI Group.



Ooi (second right) presenting aid to Wan Mohd Zulhilmi and his mother Nor Asiah (grey tudung) at the Penang Hospital. With them are Lim (right), Dr Norsidah and MBI Charity 100 representative Roger Gui.