

Coming together for a noble mission

Donors give blood at different locations to fill stocks at the Penang Hospital

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CHIN Pei Ming overcame her fear of needles and blood just to donate blood so that she could save the lives of those in need.

The 21-year-old social science undergraduate said she wanted to donate blood as she came to know that public hospitals were always in need of blood.

"Every day, someone is fighting for his or her life due to insufficient amount of blood and my blood could save someone's life.

"I wanted to do something for charity and found out that blood donation is a noble act, so I started doing it," said the second-time donor who volunteered at Ivorycares' blood donation campaign.

Chin said she would continue giving blood whenever she could.

Jointly organised by Ivorycares and MBI Charity 100, the 'We Share, We Care' blood donation campaign saw some 200 donors joining in the event.

Ivorycares president Datuk Ooi Chin Loo said the campaign was held to replenish the Penang Hospital's blood bank for the festive season.

"It is heartening to receive such encouraging response from the public," he said during the event at



Chin (right) overcoming her fear of needles by donating blood as a fellow volunteer shows her samples of blood collected from other donors at M Mall O2O. — Photos: GOH GAIK LEE and CHARLES MARIASOOSAY/The Star

the Penang Times Square's M Mall O2O in Jalan Datuk Keramat on Saturday.

Each donor also received a goodie bag containing biscuits,

drinks and healthy snacks.

Also present at the event were state Welfare, Caring Society and Environment Committee chairman Phee Boon Poh, Tanjong MP Ng

Wei Aik and Komtar assemblyman Teh Lai Heng.

Ivorycares is the charity arm of Ivory Properties Group Berhad while MBI Charity 100 is the social

responsibility effort of MBI Group.

Meanwhile, more than 100 teachers also took part in a separate blood donation campaign at the Penang Education Department premises in Bukit Jambul.

The campaign organised by the department and Penang National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) lasted for eight hours.

Penang NUTP chairman Ng Weng Tutt said the campaign was held in conjunction with Teachers Day celebration this year.

"We used to have it at Penang Hospital but finding a parking is often a problem these days.

"As such, Penang Education Department director Shaari Osman suggested that the campaign be held here," he said.

Over at Tanjung City Marina in Tanjung Tokong, more than 200 policemen and staff of Penang Port Sdn Bhd and Bank Rakyat took part in a blood donation campaign to mark the 210th Police Day celebration.

Penang police chief Comm Datuk Wira Chuah Ghee Lye gave away certificates to those who took part in the campaign.

"I am proud of my men who have come forward to help replenish blood at the Penang Hospital.

"I always believe it is more blessed to give than to receive," he said after launching the recent campaign.



Donors at the 'We Share, We Care' blood donation campaign at M Mall O2O.