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**Press Release**

**MPOC of Malaysia Intends to donate Rs. 340 million (USD 400,000) to Pakistan**

Malaysian Palm Oil Council has shown its intension to donate Rs. 340 million (USD 400,000) to Pakistan to provide palm based food items to the flood affectees of Pakistan.

In a letter addressed to the Pakistan High Commissioner, Mr. Masood Khalid, the Chief Executive Officer of MPOC, Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Yusof Basiron said that Malaysian Palm Oil Industry which was the oldest and most consistent source of supply of Palm Oil to Pakistan meeting about 66% of its oil requirement was happy to come forward to help the flood affectees in Pakistan.

The letter further added that **MPOC** has initiated an emergency fund raising exercise by making an immediate donation of ghee to the value of US\$ 200,000, whereas, individual companies have come forward to contribute additional US\$ 200,000.

According to the letter, the funds would be channeled through MPOC office in Lahore, to buy essential palm based food items for distribution to the affected people.

Malaysians from all walks of life are coming to help their Pakistani brothers and sisters in need. In this regard, the President of Malay Chamber of Commerce committed food items worth Rs.2.8 million equal to (RM100,000/-) containing biscuits and mineral water for the flood victims of Pakistan. .

The President of Malay Chamber of Commerce, Tuan Syed Ali Alattas handed over the donations of food items to the High Commissioner for Pakistan in Malaysia, Mr. Masood Khalid in a simple ceremony held in, Kuala Lumpur, **yesterday(8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010).**

Later, while talking to media, the High Commissioner thanked the Malay Chamber of Commerce for their donation and hoped that in the same spirit, the Malaysian companies will also assist the government of Pakistan in reconstruction of damaged infrastructure including roads, bridges, telecommunication network, school, hospitals and houses once reconstruction phase starts.

The President of Malay Chamber of Commerce while talking to the media said that the Chamber was considering to sending a team of consultants, surveyors and architects to Pakistan, to assess the needs of the flood affectees and to identify an area to construct a model school or model low cast houses.

He said that the Chamber may contribute expertise, consultancy designing and construction material excluding the labour and construction material to construct the model low cost school or houses in an identified locality. The model, if found successful, can be emulated by other relief agencies, he added. He said the Chamber had successfully done construction of a school in Aceh Indonesia after Tsunami which had proved a model for other relief agencies.

As per data compiled by the High Commission for Pakistan in Malaysia, the contribution made by the Malaysian Government, companies and general public has reached US\$17,65,399/-

In addition, Dr. Shahrizal Azwan Samsudin, the Director of Malaysian Relief Agency (MRA) who is providing relief to flood affectees in Charsada District of Pakistan, informed the High Commission today that the Agency so far had received RM 200,000/- from Malaysians to provide relief to the flood affectees

**8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, Pr. A.**