Developer brings CNY joy to old folks home in Seremban

By C.S. NATHAN metro@thestar.com.my

THE 12 residents of an old folks home in Seremban eagerly anticipated the visit by Matrix Concepts Foundation (MCF) members.

The visitors from the philanthropic arm of developer Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd treated residents of Ruman Sejahtera Sikamat to a meal and also donated RM3,000 towards the home's operations.

The home's oldest resident, 84-year-old Lim Lai, was happy to receive visitors.

"Because of the pandemic, we have not had many visitors for more than two years."

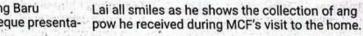
Echoing the bachelor's sentiments was 74-year-old Wong Chang Siew.

"Their visit is meaningful as we are not able to enjoy:the festivities with family like many others can.

"We look forward to events like this and feel happy that people remember us during this time," she said.

Led by MCF advisor Datin Seri Yong Chou Lian, team members presented ang pow, mandarin oranges and other goodies like





(From left) Noordin, Yong, Lee, MPKSM deputy chairman Chia Yit Chin and Kampung Baru Sikamat village community management council head Chee Yew Sui during the cheque presentation ceremony.

bottles of chicken essence to the seniors.

In her speech, Yong hoped that the foundation's visit would help bring cheer to the residents.

"It is heartbreaking to see many elderly people alone at an age where they should be cherished and looked after," she said. MCF chairman Datuk Noordin Mohd Yatib, who accompanied Yong, said all Malaysians should do what they could for elders who have no family support.

"It was nice to see the smiles on their faces during our visit.

"As a community developer, Matrix Concepts through MCF will continue to support the community, including those in need," he added.

Rumah Sejahtera Sikamat was established in 1956 by Majlis Pusat Kebajikan SeMalaysia Cawangan Daerah Seremban (MPKSM).

The non-profit NGO provides a home at no charge for senior

citizens who have no immediate family.

The organisation relies entirely on public donations to cover its operational expenses.

MPKSM advisor Lee Ah Chai expressed his gratitude to MCF and encouraged others to also support seniors who need help.