

In the tune of RM60,000

That's the amount raised for cancer research

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MORE THAN RM60,000 was raised at a charity auction during the pre-launch for next month's Terry Fox Run Kuala Lumpur 2007.

The auction was one of the ways of collecting funds from the public besides the annual run to aid the chosen beneficiary this year – the Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation (CARIF).

"The auction was organised to celebrate the spirit and compassion of humanity, for a noble cause," Aseana Properties Limited chairman Datuk Mohd Azlan Hashim said. He donated RM10,000 to CARIF to kick start the fundraiser.

For the last 17 years, the run has managed to attract thousands of Malaysians from all walks of life.

The run was initiated by Terry Fox,

who was diagnosed with bone cancer at the age of 18. The Canadian had his right leg amputated and was moved by the suffering of cancer patients he saw while he was in the hospital and decided to embark on a journey he called the Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research.

Terry ran a marathon (42km) a day for 143 consecutive days before he was forced to abandon it when the cancer spread to his lungs. He passed away at the age of 21.

Since 1981, the Terry Fox Run has raised more than RM1.3bil globally and attracts over 2mil runners each year in aid of cancer research around the world.

To purchase exclusive Terry Fox Run t-shirts for the event on Nov 4 or to make donations, contact CARIF at 03-5630 6774. T-shirts are priced at RM25 for all sizes and are also available at the Canadian High Commission and on the day of the event as well.



Preview: Guests discussing as they take a closer look at some of the items up for grabs during the auction.

Collector's items: The auctioned items included pieces of art and limited edition perfumes.