Novotel Hotel to donate RM21,000 to children’s home

KOTA KINABALU: The Novotel Hotel @lBorneo here has pledged RM21,000 from its Planet 21 Mount Kinabalu Charity Exhibition to the Don Bosco Children’s Home in Kundasang during the event’s closing ceremony at the hotel, last Tuesday night.

The ceremony was attended by its event sponsors, partners and 22 participants of the expedition from Novotel, Don Bosco, Alfran Company, Pullman Putrajaya, IBIS Singapore, and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sabah.

Jacques Leizerovici, general manager of Novotel, who led the team during the climb held from April 19 to 21 this year, said: “We are very committed to support the Don Bosco Charity Home which we have adopted three years ago under ‘A Tree for a Child’ (ATFAC) project, and I am very pleased to have the full support from our business partners and corporate clients who collaborated with us for this CSR activity”.

The Don Bosco’s Children Home provides shelter for 80 children, aged seven to 18 years, who come from poor and underprivileged families in and around Sabah.

According to Jacques, under the project, they pledged RM21,000 for the home in the form of cash, upgrade of the home facilities, educational aid and youth apprenticeship program.

Through the program, Jacques became the first hotel general manager to paraglide from the summit of Mount Kinabalu at 4,095.2 metres above sea level. Together with Kinabalu Paragliders and Suhari Jainau, who hails from Kundasang, as his tandem master, this was the first time for Jacques, who himself has a background as a pilot, to carry out the extreme sport. The flight took 50 minutes to land in Kundasang area outside Kinabalu Park.

At the end of the ceremony, Jacques handed over the donation to Vincent Wong, the representative from Don Bosco Children’s Home, witnessed by Assistant Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Pang Yuk Ming who represented Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun.