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### **CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME**

The young diplomats of Malaysia, currently undergoing their four-month training stint at the Institute of Diplomacy & Foreign Relations (IDFR), took time off from their grueling schedule to host a special Iftar for 25 youngsters from the Nur Qaseh Home, on 13 April 2022.

“We wanted to give back to society and this month seemed the most ideal time,” said Theventhiran Arumugam, one of the 21 young diplomats of this year’s Diploma in Diplomacy (DiD) programme. “All of us got together, did a collection, and then planned this Iftar for our special young guests”.

Also, at the Iftar was the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tan Sri Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob and his wife Puan Sri Izdina Izaidin, Director General of the Institute, YBhg. Dato’ Dr Shazelina Zainul Abidin, and staff members of IDFR who provided technical support and advice for this noble effort.

The DiD participants also handed over RM7,922.00 to the Home, both as *duit raya* for the children as well as for the Home itself. The children of the Home are aged between 2 and 18 years old, and this is their first event with IDFR.

The young diplomats in the programme have served for several years at the Ministry and are on the cusp of being posted abroad.

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