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The 2006 Eden Food Fair drew a massive crowd of supporters.

### **2006 Eden Food Fair**

The Eden Handicap Service Centre held its annual charity food fair on 20 May 2006 at the Caring Society Complex (Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang) where the Eden main office is located. It was a bright Sunday morning and the compound of Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang was filled with people from all walks of life. Approximately 4,000 people attended this fundraising activity.

The food fair was officially opened by Y.B. Encik Lye Siew Weng. The crowd was entertained with an opening dance called 'Tongkat Modern Dance' by the students from Sekolah Menengah Perempuan Methodist. Also present at the opening ceremony were Mr. Henry Tung, Chairman of the Board, Dato' Lee Kok Aun, Board of Director, Mr. Bertie Tye, General Manager, Mr. Seow Teng Heng and as well as guests.

There was a total of 80 stalls at the food fair. All 100% of them were sponsored by hotels, companies, churches, generous individuals from our regular supporters as well as newcomers. There was a wide variety of food for everyone, ranging from local to international cuisines. Evergreen Laurel Hotel even had a stall with their chefs in action.

Our guests were also entertained by our wide range of performances including violinist Tian Cai Xiao Jin Ling from Ow Production, children from Zero Dancing Studio, Penang Joy Club, and Equaline for the line dancing performance. Mr. Ram and his friend George also entertained the crowd with a medley of songs.

There were also a jumble sales with old, used, and new items. Handicrafts made by members of Eden's handicraft unit were also on sale. It shows how much the physically restricted can do. There were clowns giving away balloons and kept the children giggling. Many also enjoyed the face painting.

Although there was a heavy downpour at 1:30pm, Eden was successful in raising over RM147,000 in support of the work to assist and train the handicap. With this amount, we hope to help more disabled people in the community. The Food Fair would not have been a success without the support of the people who attended it. The big turn out provided much encouragement to the disabled and staffs of Eden.

Thus, Eden Handicap Service Center would like to say a big thank you to God for His faithfulness and everyone who had contributed to the Food Fair in one way or another.



**Dancers from Methodist Girls' School performing the Tongkat Modern Dance**



The disabled taking care of the Eden booth



Ram Kumar and George Lee performing.



Having a ball selling Chang.



Doing a bit of masak-masak is part of the fun



There's nothing like having a great time for a good cause.



The back of the tents where the cooking is being carried out.

*A burden no heavier than the cross to bear.*

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