

## Vivacity's Consumer Expo involves 34 agencies

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Chong (fourth left) alongside representatives of the charitable bodies in a photo call with the mock cheque.

**KUCHING:** Consumer Voice Association of Sarawak (Covas) is participating in the third Consumer Expo alongside 34 agencies comprising government and non- government organisations in Vivacity Megamall here from Feb 14 to 16, (10am to 9pm).

In a statement released by Information Department (JaPEN) Sarawak yesterday, among the agencies involved are Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP), Bank Negara Malaysia, Credit Counselling and Debt Management Agency (AKPK), Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (LHDN), Malaysian Cooperative Commission (SKM), Royal Customs Department and JaPEN. KPDNHEP deputy minister Chong Chieng Jen in his address said the expo is a platform for Sarawakian consumers to learn more about the various functions of the government in relation to consumer rights.

"We are all consumers, including the traders and should know our rights and responsibilities as consumers. Devise proper planning and be prudent in you spending so that you will not be burdened by financial difficulties in the future," Chong added.

Meanwhile, Covas president Michael Tion urged Kuching folk to take the opportunity to address queries on consumer rights with agencies at the expo.

At the same event, Chong presented a cheque of RM21,000 to seven charitable associations, namely Kuching Autistic Association, Grace Centre, Malaysian Red Crescent Kuching, Persatuan OKU Kuching (House of Joy), Sarawak Children's Cancer Society, Sarawak Society for the Deaf and Hope Place Kuching.

Also present were KPDNHEP deputy secretary-general Datuk Rostam Affendi Salleh, its Sarawak director Dato Stanley Tan and Covas vice-president Samsudin Abdul Rahman.

