

# Liow: More donations pouring in

## 'MCA has collected nearly RM1mil in cash, food and essential items'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** More donations are pouring in for flood victims via the MCA's Crisis Relief Squad (CRSM).

MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the party had so far collected nearly RM1mil worth of cash, food supplies and essential items.

Among the donors in the list is the Star Foundation, the charitable arm of *The Star*, which contributed RM50,000.

A cheque was presented to Liow by the foundation's trustee, Datuk Dr Mohd Aminuddin Mohd Rouse, yesterday morning.

The foundation has also channelled another RM50,000 to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society for the same mission.

Liow said a 24-hour operation centre had been set up at Wisma MCA here to gather the resources and co-ordinate the relief works, apart from its nine relief centres in

Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang.

He said the victims were helpless and depressed as they were isolated from the outside world with no power, food and communication as the roads were cut off by floodwaters.

"MCA is here to help," he said, assuring the victims that they would get the necessary assistance soon.

He said another four truckloads of foodstuff were despatched to the east coast states yesterday.

Liow, who is also Transport Minister, said the party was preparing for the second phase of the relief work, which is to rebuild and clean up the affected areas to help the people return to normal life.

"We are also buying mattresses, blankets, medicine and other essential items to be sent to the victims," said party deputy president Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong.

As of now, some 500 CRSM members – led by its chief Datuk Lua

Choon Hann – have been mobilised to the flood-hit areas.

Lua, who is currently in Kota Baru, said residents and members from the Chinese guilds had also gathered and helped out at the relief centre.

"We can reach Kuala Krai now and we are sending the food to them as well as those in Tanah Merah and Machang," he said via Skype.

At a cheque presentation yesterday, Liow thanked all the donors for their kind gesture in helping the victims.

The donors include 98-year-old Ng Soon Huat, a party veteran who gave RM85,000 to show his support, Tan Sri David Law (RM300,000), Malaysia Motorcycle and Scooter Dealers Association (RM133,000), as well as Tan Sri Lim Kang Hoo, Berjaya Air, Weststar and Pecca Leather that transported the flood relief items to the affected area by helicopters or lorries.



**Wide open generosity:** Liow and deputy president Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong taking a group picture with the donors who have contributed to the CRSM East Coast Flood Relief Fund at a mock check presentation event at Wisma MCA.