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Lim Goh Tong memorial hall opens

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THE Lim Goh Tong Memorial Hall built in remembrance of Genting Highlands founder, the late Tan Sri Dr Lim Goh Tong, was opened on Friday.

The date was chosen to mark Lim's birthday, April 4. The hall, built within three months of his passing on Oct 23 last year, is situated on

the 25 acre-site of the Memorial Park where Lim was laid to rest.

At the main entrance to the hall, stands a beautifully crafted solid wood statue of Lim smiling. Its backdrop is another piece of art crafted in solid wood depicting the Genting Highlands resort.

The opening of the hall, which is surrounded by a landscaped garden of flowers and fruit trees, was officiated by MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting. It is open to the public daily from 8am-10pm.

In conjunction with the opening, RM9.5 million was donated to medical and educational institutions as well as charity homes.

Of the total, RM2 million went to the Lim Foundation, set up by Lim to help the needy.

The Malaysian Aids Foundation, St John Ambulance Malaysia, the PRIDE Foundation, Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation and Tunku Azizah Fertility Foundation received RM100,000 each for research and development.

A total of RM850,000 was donated to 17 other organisations, and RM810,000 to 81 homes

and schools.

Genting Group subsidiary Resorts World Bhd also contributed RM1 million each to the Tan Sri Dr Lim Goh Tong-University Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship Fund and the Tan Sri Dr Lim Goh Tong-Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship Fund, for the development and promotion of higher learning.

It was also proposed that endowment funds of RM 1 million each be set up for Universiti Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia. Some RM500,000 was presented to the Malaysian Institute of Management in support of its resource centre.

The cheques were presented by Genting Group chairman and chief executive Tan Sri Lim Kok Tay.

Ong puts his signature on a plaque at the opening. With him are Datin Seri Wendy Ong and the wife of the late Lim, Puan Sri Lee Kim Hua (on his right), and Kok Tay and his wife Puan Sri Cecilia Lim.

