

Art exhibition aims to raise RM150,000 in aid of autistic children

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KUALA LUMPUR: **Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor Berhad** in collaboration with the National Visual Arts Gallery aims to raise RM150,000 through a charity exhibition (Pameran Amal Insani) held from April 2 to 25.

Mustaffa Kamil, who is on the board of directors of Kumpulan Perangsang and in charge of corporate social responsibilities (CSR) of the group said the exhibition being held at the Creative Space, the National Portrait Gallery at the National Visual Arts Gallery aims to raise funds for sponsorships and educational needs of autistic children from needy families.

He said that the exhibition held in conjunction with World Autism Awareness Day was also aimed at fostering awareness among the public to be more sensitive and supportive towards these children.

"Some 35 artists who took part in presenting 47 works covering various themes to be exhibited and sold for charity," he said when launching the exhibition here today.

Mustaffa said the exhibition also provides an opportunity for art collectors to buy as a show of support and concern for the future of these children.

"I hope that such initiatives can continue to change the stigma attached to children with autism. Through the art approach, I believe it can be therapeutic and can improve the communication skills of autistic children," he added.

The exhibition is also supported by Nouri Autism Support Initiative (Insani) and Artport Malaysia Community Organisations (Artport Community). — *Bernama*

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