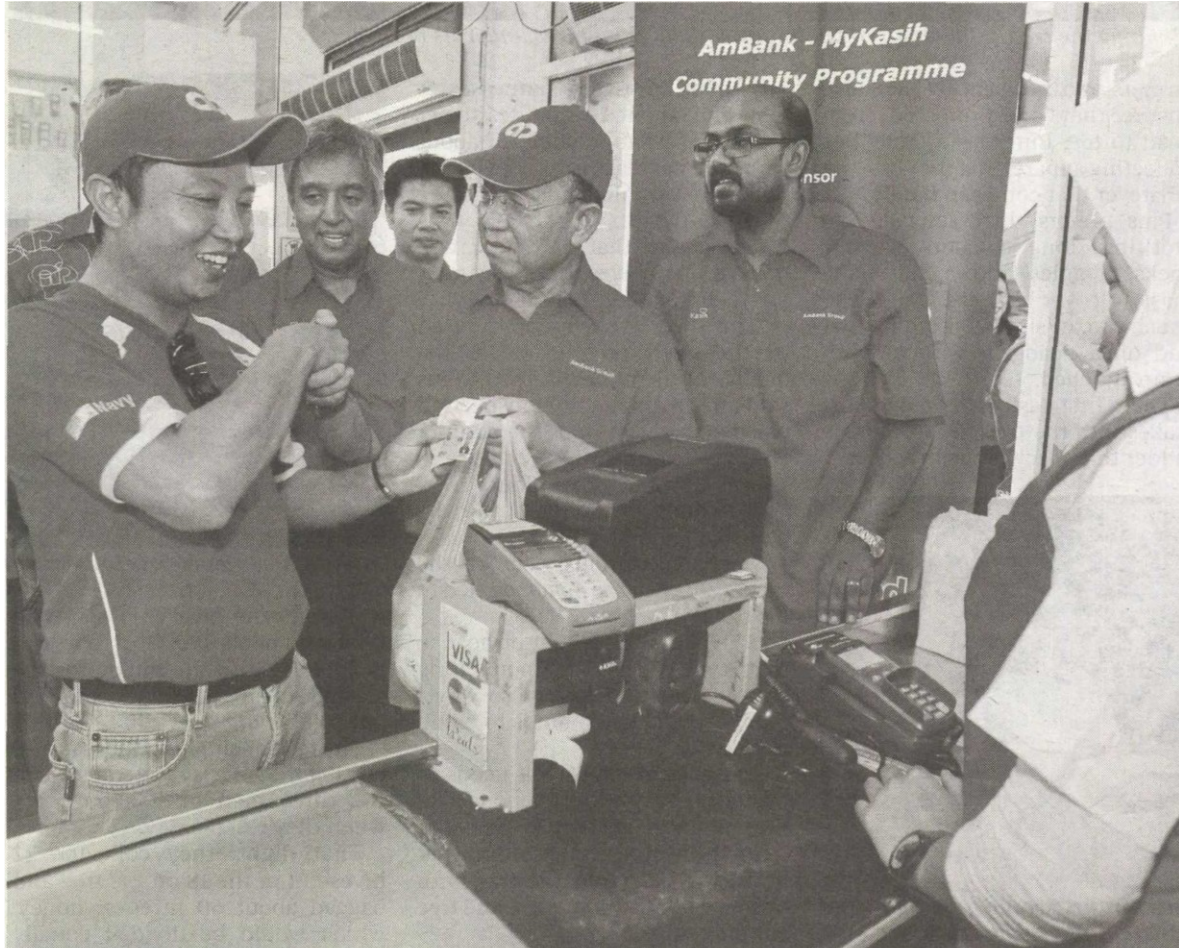


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Tan Sri Azman Hashim (centre) shaking hands with a recipient at CKS Supermarket in Menggatal, Kota Kinabalu. Pic by Malai Rosmah Tuah

50 families get Ambank food aid

KOTA KINABALU: Some 50 under-privileged families in Menggatal near here will benefit from AmBank-MyKasih community programme, a food aid system to ease their burden.

This was the second time the AmBank Group has chosen to hold the programme for the community, where RM52,000 have been allocated for the recipients for a period of one year.

Group chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim said they chose to return to this suburban area based on the needs of the people.

The programme targeted families with household income of RM1,500 and below.

"We first did the programme in Menggatal in 2010 and we had also committed RM104,000 to 100 families in Sandakan district since 2011.

"We plan to hold the programme in Sandakan again this year.

"However, details have not been finalised yet," he said after launching the programme at CKS Supermarket in Menggatal yesterday.

MyKasih Foundation is a charity organisation that aims to help underprivileged Malaysians through

food aid and education, and relies entirely on donations from the public and corporate bodies.

AmBank Group first teamed up with the foundation in 2009.

Since then, it annually allocates RM1 million nationwide for the "Love My Neighbourhood" food aid programme as part of their corporate social responsibility initiative.

Under the programme, AmBank Group provides an allowance of RM80 monthly per family.

These families can shop by using their MyKads for essential items at partner retail outlets.