

## **PAINTINGS AND JEWELLERY AUCTIONED OFF FOR CHARITY**

*The Star, Sunday March 1, 2009*

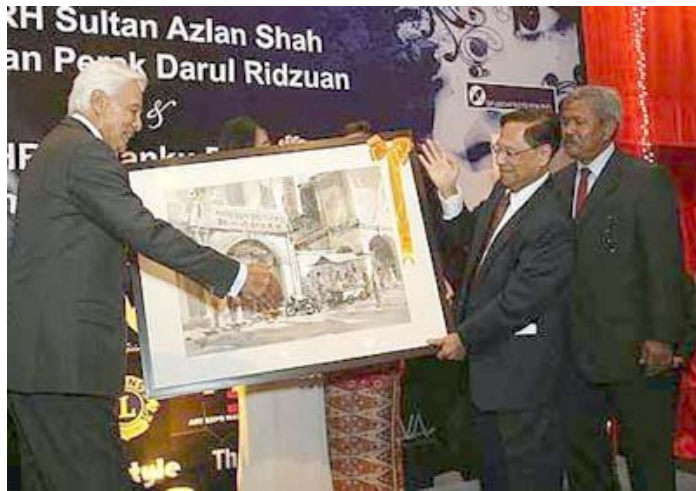
KUALA LUMPUR: More than 50 paintings and jewellery were put under the hammer at the Henry Butcher Charity Art Auction cum Gala Dinner held at the Royal Selangor Golf Club last night.

Works by local artists like Suzlee Ibrahim, Tew Nai Tong, Cheung Pooi Yip, Lim Ka Seng and Wong Kean Choon were among those auctioned during the event. Also opened for bidding was diamond earrings from Habib Jewels.

Proceeds from the “Art For Life” charity event were donated to the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM) and the Lions Lyfe-Line Leukaemia Fund, a body established under the auspices of the Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur (West).

The inaugural event was opened by Sultan of Perak Sultan Azlan Shah. Also present were Henry Butcher Art Auctioneers honorary chairman Datuk Seri Kamal Hashim and NCSM vice president Dr Ahmad Kamal Mohamed.

In his speech, Kamal Hashim said the event was aimed at helping charity organisations like NCSM and cancer patients, especially during the current economic situation.



*Token of appreciation: Kamal Hashim presenting a painting to Sultan Azlan Shah (left) after the launch of the 'Art for Life' charity event yesterday.*

“Charity organisations, cancer patients in particular who are already experiencing financial difficulties due to escalating cost of treatments and medications, now have to face even greater challenge. Welfare support has never been more vital to the community than now,” he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Ahmad Kamal said funds raised from the event would be channeled towards cancer education and upgrading the equipment at the NCSM cancer treatment centre.

“We need to raise about RM10mil to be able to provide the best possible service to the public,” he said.