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OVER 18,000 Maybank employees worldwide recently commemorated the seventh Maybank Global Corporate Responsibility (CR) Day engaging with communities through various initiatives.

With the theme “Enabling Communities with Solutions”, the Maybank Global CR Day is part of the company’s employee volunteerism programme believed to be the largest single community programme undertaken simultaneously by a Malaysian-based corporation on a global scale.

It involves employees not only in Malaysia but also its offices abroad — from New York and London to China and across Asean — coming together to reaffirm their commitment to social and community development.

Maybank Group chief human capital officer Nora Manaf said the Global CR Day is a unique volunteerism event where employees reinforce Maybank’s mission of humanising financial services and its commitment to be at the heart of the community sustainably. On this day, employees across the group went down to the ground to volunteer and carry out together their various sustainable CR initiatives that they had been and will be implementing in communities where the Bank has presence.

“Our theme for this year’s Group-wide Global CR Day resonates strongly with our role as a responsible corporate citizen. This theme reinforces our commitment in creating and empowering solutions for the communities to improve their lives. We believe the solutions that we are bringing through our initiatives today, will benefit the present communities for a better future,” she said.

Nora said this year’s Global CR Day marked yet another milestone for the Group as it was not only the seventh consecutive year that the employees were getting together on a single day, to contribute to the betterment of society and the environment in a sustainable and impactful manner, but it took the impact

farther on the sustainability front with the principle of Paying it Forward weaved intensively into the activities.

Over 90 initiatives were implemented by employees across the Group. These included various community projects involving special children, the elderly, disabled, single mothers and orphans as well as the environment.

In Kuala Lumpur, Maybank chairman Tan Sri Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor joined in a fun run and walk with Down Syndrome children from the Orchid Home at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia to raise funds for special needs students as well as cancer children from the University of Malaya Medical Centre Cancer Unit.

Maybank Group president and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Farid Alias joined employees in a community programme to raise funds through various activities for the National Autism Society of Malaysia, as well as create more awareness of autism among the public.

Activities included a telematch with autistic children, colouring contest and the refurbishment of the school.

Elsewhere, employees engaged in numerous other initiatives ranging from engagement with the physically challenged, mentoring and supporting indigenous and financially disadvantaged communities, planting trees in public parks, or joining hands to spruce up community areas.

They also cleaned up rivers and wetlands, promoted waste recycling awareness and helped in greening available space at Menara Maybank, with the food produce donated to welfare homes.

The Global CR Day was first held in 2010 in conjunction with Maybank’s 50th anniversary. Over 10,000 employees took part in the inaugural event. The increasing number of participants over the years reflects the strong team spirit among employees to come together and participate in the unique global volunteer programme.

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Megat hands a gift to one of the children from Persatuan Kebajikan Anak-anak Istimewa Selangor during the event.