

Tea in aid of cancer patients

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A SOFT launch of "Jamuan Teh Malaysia" was held recently at the residence of Australian High Commissioner Penny Williams.

The event is modelled after the highly successful "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" – an annual fundraiser held by the Australian Cancer Council.

Hosted in collaboration with the Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA) and National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM), it aims to raise funds for cancer-related services to patients, survivors, families and the public.

The launch of "Jamuan Teh Malaysia" will be on Aug 13 and various *jamuan teh* will be held from Aug 13 to 16.

"Hosts can run their *jamuan teh* as creatively as possible, at any time or place, but the same rule applies to the methods of collecting donations," Williams said.

"Tea bags sponsored by Boh will be provided to the hosts for the main beverage served at the tea party.

"Hosts can serve other

drinks as well. But alcohol beverages are strictly prohibited."

Hosts are required to sponsor the whole *jamuan teh* and 100% of funds raised will be donated to BCWA and NCSM.

Interested groups or individuals have to register to be a host by contacting the organisers before Aug 13. They can get forms online at <http://jamuantehmalaysia.blogspot.com>, or by calling 03-79540133 / 03-26987300 to get an email or fax copy of the form.

"BCWA is an association which offers psychosocial support to cancer survivors especially because many women are scared since social stigma against them are still very strong," BCWA president Ranjit Kaur said.

NCSM, which started with public education programmes in 1966 now houses medical facilities offering a whole range of cancer related services at a highly subsidised fee.

"We are the only NGO in the country that provides such holistic cancer treatment and support to patients and their caregivers through all our clinical centres," NCSM adviser Datuk Zuraidah Atan said.