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KUALA LUMPUR — Tenaga Nasional Berhad women's association Pelitawanis headquarters branch brought the joy of Chinese New Year to 38 patients at Hospital Kuala Lumpur as part of its social outreach programme.

The members visited patients from four wards — orthopedic, gynaecology, ophthalmology and geriatric.

Pelitawanis headquarters branch chairman Datin Ungku Ashiela Ungku Hamzah, TNB chief risk officer Datuk Lim Tong Kang and his wife Datin Tan Koi Kiau led the entourage to offer well wishes and greetings for the season.

"We are extremely grateful that we have the opportunity to bring joy to patients who may not be able to celebrate Chinese New Year at home," said Ungku Ashiela during the visit on Monday.

"PTNB tries to give back even for other auspicious celebrations like Deepavali and Hari Raya.

"It's good to know that patients are well taken care of, and even if it's just for a moment, we want them to know someone cares."



(From right) Pelitawanis TNB headquarters branch treasurer Norly Mohd Nor, Ungku Ashiela, Tan, Lim and HKL public relations officer Shahrul Hafizi Arbaak Yunus present an ang pow to Lee and her husband Thian Soo during the visit on Monday. — Picture by Mukhriz Hazim

Lim said an occasion like this gives an opportunity to connect with society on a deeper level.

"It is a blessing to do this, and we are proud of this initiative. We want this to be a yearly affair for as long as we can

do it," he said.

Breast cancer survivor Lee Mei Ching said the visit was a pleasant surprise.

"It's such a great feeling knowing that I will be going home soon, and what more with such a huge crowd visiting me as I lie in a hospital bed waiting to be discharged," said the 53-year-old from Cheras.

Tan Sim Hock, who injured himself after falling at home last week, said he hopes to recover soon so he can be discharged before Chinese New Year.

"It's nice to see so many people in the hospital. Since my fall, I have been feeling lonely but this kind gesture made my day," said the 78-year-old.

Wangsa Maju-born Low Wei Cheng echoed Tan's sentiments and said she had made a special request to be discharged before Chinese New Year.

"I want to be with my family and in the comfort of my own home during Chinese New Year," said the 55-year-old, who slipped and broke her hand on Jan 27.

"It's not always easy staying in a hospital. No matter how comfortable you get, a hospital bed isn't the bed at home. My sense of longing to be with family is growing and I hope this will be my last day in hospital," she said.