



Former president S R Nathan (left) and entertainer Irene Ang, dressed as the Goddess of Mercy, were among the well-known personalities roped in by inter-dealer broker ICAP to raise funds for six charities. To add a fun element, staff members also dressed up in costumes for the day. ST PHOTO: NG SOR LUAN

Trading and dealing for sake of charity

HOME-GROWN artiste Irene Ang dressed up as the Goddess of Mercy yesterday to help raise funds for six local charities. She was among other well-known personalities such as former president S R Nathan and National Kidney Foundation chairman Gerard Ee who were tapped by British inter-dealer broker ICAP for its annual charity day.

The celebrities' role was to assist brokers to make deals and speak to customers.

Mr Nathan, for instance, helped put through a \$100 million deal between two European banks.

ICAP, which has 60 offices worldwide, gives away all revenues and commissions earned during the charity day to support 200 charities globally.

The six beneficiaries in Singapore this year are Apex Day Rehabilitation Centre for Elderly, Beyond Social Services, HCA Hospice Care, MILK (Mainly I Love Kids), Riding for the Disabled Association of Singapore and Viriya Community Services.

The company raised £12.1 million (\$24.3 million) last year and the amount for this year will be announced today.

Mr Ee said: "I am very impressed that they are actually giving the revenue that they have earned and the company is absorbing all the cost behind it. It is 100 per cent to the charities. What can be more genuine than that?"

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