

# Hospital given 28 sofa beds by Johor Royal family

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**JOHOR BARU:** The Johor Royal family has donated 28 refurbished sofa beds to the paediatric ward of the Sultan Ismail Hospital (HIS).

The contribution was made by Raja Zarith Sofiah Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah when she visited the ward with her daughter Tunku Tun Aminah Binti Sultan Ibrahim on Thursday.

The Malaysian Red Crescent committee member Lekha Nandey said that the royal family had sent the used sofa beds for refurbishment costing RM18,000.

"They will be placed at the paediatric ward of the hospital to be used by parents or guardians of the children who are warded the ward," she said.

Lekha said prior to availability of the sofa beds at the ward, parents or guardians who had to stay overnight to take care of their children would normally sleep on chairs, causing inconvenience to them.



**Here's one for you:** Raja Zarith Sofia offering a gift to Muhammad Iman Ziory Khairul Anuar during a visit to the day care ward at the hospital while the baby's mother Norsaliza Salim (right) looks on.

She said Raja Zarith Sofiah who is also the patron of the Paediatric Palliative Care Malaysia had expressed her concern on the well-being of parents and guardians who did not have a proper sleeping place at the ward.

Lekha said most of the old sofa beds had been used for the past 10 years and buying a new one would cost between RM800 and RM1,000 each.

"The refurbishment of the sofa beds include giving new them upholstery and mattresses while

the springs and the metal structures are still in good conditions," she said.

Lekha said another 28 used sofa beds are currently being refurbished and once the refurbishment work finished, they would be placed at the paediatric ward.