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**ALOR STAR:** Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah yesterday received business tithes amounting to RM15 million from five agencies and companies on behalf of the Zakat Collection Centre for Kedah and the federal level at Istana Anak Bukit here.

Among tithe payers was Lembaga Tabung Haji, which handed over RM3 million, Permodalan Nasional Bhd, or PNB, (RM7 million), Bank Persatuan (RM150,000), Bank Rakyat (RM5 million) and the National

Cooperatives Association (Angkasa) (RM126,54745).

Tabung Haji was represented by its group managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Ismee Ismail, PNB by its president and chief executive Tan Sri Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman.

Bank Persatuan was represented by chairman Datuk Yusra Sabar while Angkasa was represented by its president, Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah.

Fattah said he was happy that num-

ber of cooperatives which contributed tithes this year had increased to 334, compared with just 38 last year.

"Angkasa has been appointed as an *amil* (tithe collector) by the zakat agencies at state and federal levels.

"We are happy to receive good response from the cooperatives and hope they will continue to cooperate with us to perform this religious obligation for Muslims."

Fattah added that they were targeting 500 cooperatives in the country to pay business tithes next year.

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Permodalan Nasional Bhd president and chief executive **Tan Sri Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman** (left) presenting a mock cheque of the investment firm's tithe contribution to **Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah** at Istana Anak Bukit in Alor Star. Pic by Lim Poh Chin