



Assoc Prof Dr Lachman (fourth from left) handing over the cheque to Gu, flanked by UCSI student and management representatives.

## Ready to serve

UNIVERSITY College Sedaya International (UCSI)'s decision to embark on a donation drive turned out to be a good one when its students and staff raised RM20,000 to help the Sichuan earthquake survivors.

The cheque was handed over to Gu Hongxing, the First Secretary and Head of the Cultural Office at the Chinese Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, by UCSI vice-president of Student Affairs, Assoc Prof Dr Lachman Tarachand.

"The students came up to me and suggested that a donation drive be carried out on campus," said Dr Lachman.

"With students from over 60 countries, we reached our target just after two days."

"I was surprised when we collected more than RM11,000 on the first day itself," said UCSI Student Council president Alvin Choo Eu King.

"We carried donation boxes with us wherever we went," said the university college's Chinese Cultural Society president, Veronica Wong.

"Actually, many of our students from China had just come back from their semester holidays when the earthquake occurred.

"We are ready to go back and serve in the disaster area if the Chinese Government should call upon us for assistance," said UCSI China Students' Association president Eric Cai Helin.

"In the meantime, we hope our donation drive will help the disaster relief efforts in our homeland," Eric added.