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GOOD CAUSE: Its campaign aims to help poor and disadvantaged students

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FORTY-five out of 61 classroom projects were short listed recently under the Caltex Fuel Your School community campaign programme in Johor and Kedah.

These schools had more than 50 per cent of their student population falling under the low income category.

One of the projects that was short-listed was from SK Pendidikan Khas Johor Baru whose students are deaf and from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This school's project is called the "Deaf News Network," and gives students the opportunity to express themselves in a creative way by using photography with narrative pieces telling personal stories of their lives and daily activities.

This gives them the ability to share their stories in both writing and through images thus enabling them to think and recognise images in a meaningful way.

Another school participating in the community campaign is SK Selama of Masai, which has two special needs students with Down's Syn-

drome and six who are deemed slow learners.

The school has requested for a notebook computer to motivate the students and provide them with a channel to source information as well as online activities that will help them improve their speech.

SM Pendidikan Khas Vokasional Indahpura in Kulaijaya, meanwhile, consists of students who have been diagnosed with learning problems, and hearing and physical disabilities.

The students communicate using only sign language and have a limited vocabulary to express themselves.

With the aid provided and illustrations given through online search engines, the students will be able to learn and understand words better and improve their vocabulary.

The community campaign is in collaboration with MyKasih Foundation and supported by Caltex.

Retailers keen on encouraging classroom projects will be able to help enhance the learning of science, technology, English and mathematics. Schools that are successful

will be provided with project materials worth RM5,000.

The pilot campaign was held in Penang and has since expanded to communities in Johor and Kedah.

MyKasih Foundation chairman and co-founder Ngau Boon Keat said that it was heartening to note that children with special needs are actively participating in this campaign.

"It goes to show that every student, regardless of their disability or socio-economic background, needs motivation and tools to improve through education," he said.

The public can also vote for their favourite project on the official Caltex Fuel Your School Facebook page (apps.facebook.com/Caltex_fys_voting/) until July 31.

The classroom projects with the highest community "Likes" will receive up to RM5,000 each in materials and supplies to implement their educational projects.

For details, log on to www.caltex.com.my/fuelyourschool and click "like" on the Caltex Malaysia Facebook page for regular updates.

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