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# Helping the 'smart' way

## Energy company channels RM160k to foundation to help pupils in need

**C**ONOCOPHILLIPS Malaysia has channelled RM160,000 to the MyKasih Foundation to support 220 underprivileged primary school pupils in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, and Kuching, Sarawak.

A symbolic cheque presentation ceremony was held at SK St Paul Kolopis, in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah attended by ConocoPhillips Malaysia president Mark Wheeler.

In his speech, Wheeler said, "In collaboration with the MyKasih Foundation, we are building relationships with the local communities where we operate and give back to those in need through our corporate social responsibility initiative."

Pupils from low-income households adopted under the

Love My School programme were given assistance via the MyKasih smartcard.

Once the pupils are selected and approved by the sponsor, accounts will be opened using their MyKad in the MyKasih system. An amount of RM30 to RM40 is deposited twice a month.

The children can use the smartcard to pay for purchases of books and stationery items from the school bookstore, as well as food from the canteen.

"I laud MyKasih Foundation for helping low-income parents cope with the rising cost of living and education," added Wheeler.

During the event, MyKasih Foundation chairman and co-founder Dr Ngau Boon Keat expressed his gratitude to

ConocoPhillips Malaysia for supporting the Love My School programme.

"Part of corporate social responsibility is to improve society by cultivating synergy between the government and the private sector in the eradication of poverty.

"Children's education is a very significant component of poverty eradication as they are the leaders of tomorrow. To invest in a child's education today is to invest in the wellbeing of our country," said Dr Ngau.

"I am therefore very appreciative and thankful to ConocoPhillips Malaysia for supporting the Love My School programme. I hope ConocoPhillips will continue to assist more children in the future," added Dr

Ngau.

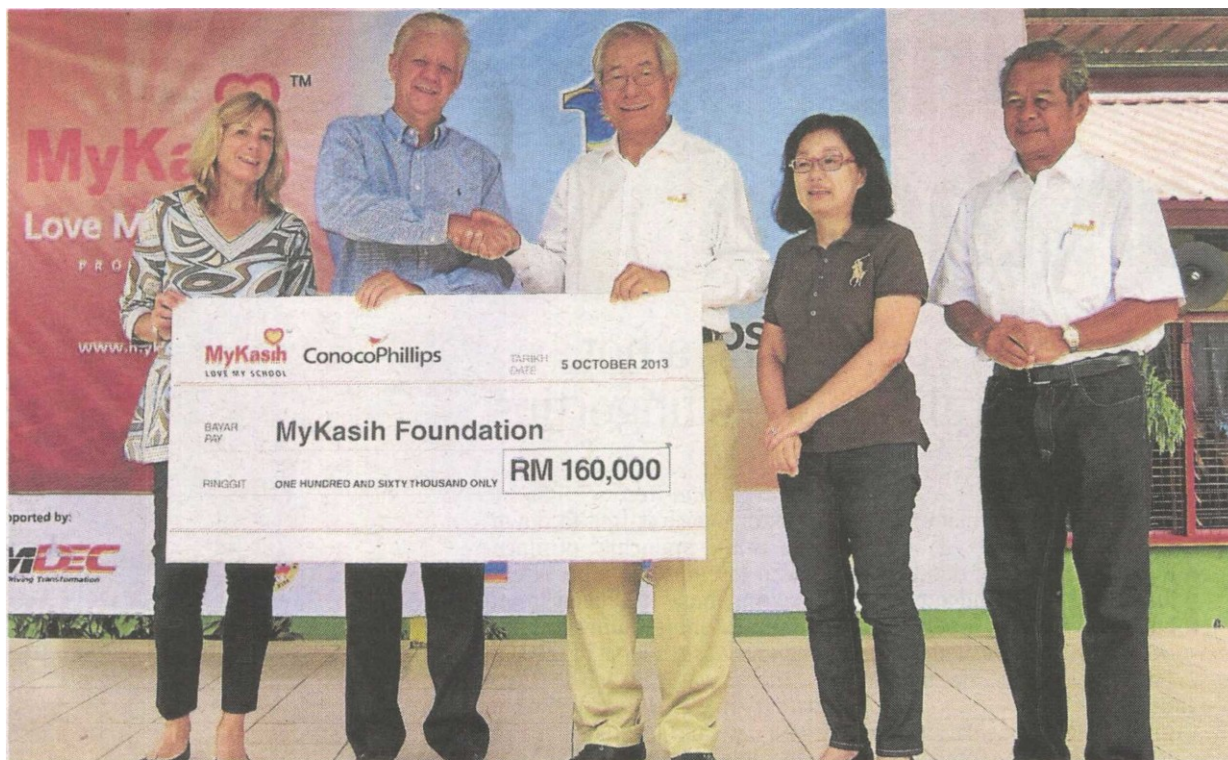
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— MARK WHEELER

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**This is how it works:** The school principals observing a purchase demonstration made by a pupil using the MyKasih cashless payment system.



**Thank you:** Wheeler (second left) presenting the mock cheque to Dr Ngau. Flanking them are Wheeler's wife, Maureen (left), MyKasih Foundation co-founder Jean Ngau (second from right) and MyKasih Foundation trustee Datuk Yaacob Amin (right).