

# RM72,000 aid for deserving pupils

Foundation's flagship programme aims to build better lives for poor children via bursaries

MAH Sing Foundation contributed RM72,000 to 100 underprivileged pupils from SK Kampung Batu, in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, at the launch of its first flagship programme, School+.

The holistic and sustainable programme aims to improve deserving schools and children's access to education, health and safety.

Foundation chairman Datuk Syed Norulzaman Syed Kamarulzaman said investment in a better tomorrow can be achieved when every child is provided with the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

"Under the theme 'Reinventing Hope, Creating Lasting Change in Children's Lives', the future of each child is built upon the key pillars of education, health, well-being and community development," he said.

Also present at the cheque presentation ceremony was MyKasih Foundation trustee Siti Khairon Shariff and deputy education officer Radzita Radzi.

School+ consists of a series of programmes that include an annual student bursary programme, health screening, tuition classes, crime prevention and anti-bullying workshops and upgrading of school infrastructure.



A MyKasih volunteer showing Syed Norulzaman (second from left) and Badar (third from left) how the smartcard works for the bursary scheme.

The objective is to improve attendance and grades, ensure early detection of health issues, enhance teaching methods and step up safety in school.

The annual student bursary programme intends to ease the financial burden of underprivileged families with school-going children.

Schoolchildren adopted under

the programme are given assistance in the form of cashless bursaries via a MyKasih smartcard. Accounts will be opened in their name and a spending allowance of RM30 will be deposited twice a month.

The bursary scheme is subject to annual review whereby the overall performance of each pupil will be assessed.

MyKasih Foundation chairman and co-founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat said Mah Sing has demonstrated strong values as a responsible corporate citizen.

“The bursary scheme allows children from economically challenged backgrounds to get financial support for daily meals and learning necessities, which in turn will give them a better chance at completing their education and building a better life for their families.

“We hope other companies will come forward to collaborate with MyKasih Foundation as we continue to help more families and students,” he said.

SK Kampung Batu headmaster Badarul Ihsan expressed his gratitude for the assistance, saying it would further motivate the children to come to school and study hard.

“With all their basic needs in school being met, in terms of nourishment and learning necessities, the pupils can participate fully and actively in classroom and extra-curricular activities,” he said.

Mah Sing Foundation’s School+ and Community+ programmes are the first of three flagship initiatives rolled out between 2018 and 2019.

Community+ aims to empower underprivileged families through food aid, training and health programme.

The two other programmes are Mah Sing Young Nation Builders Challenge, in collaboration with EdSpace, as well as Kampung Tudan Mushroom Cultivation Programme in collaboration with Hopes Malaysia Welfare Association in Sabah.

The Mah Sing Young Nation Builders Challenge, which will kick off in 2019, will provide schoolchildren with the opportunity to innovate and reinvent spaces within their own community.

It will also allow them to imagine what future living means and be involved in building spaces of the future, in line with Mah Sing Group’s tagline, “Reinventing Space. Enhanced Living”.

The Tudan Mushroom Cultivation programme, to be launched in Sabah soon, is aimed at uplifting the livelihoods of the rural community in Kampung Tudan.

The programme will provide the infrastructure needed to cultivate mushroom while helping villagers diversify their income and become economically independent.



Syed Norulzaman (seated, in red shirt), senior officials from Mah Sing Foundation, MyKasih and Sentul district education office as well as SK Kampung Batu teachers with some of the pupils who received assistance under the School+ programme.