



Maybank Islamic & Yayasan Pelajaran Mara collaboration continues into the 4th year

Another RM2 million contribution for underprivileged children, totalling the amount to RM7.4 million

KUALA LUMPUR, August 23, 2016 : Staying true of the Maybank Group's mission of being in the heart of the community, Maybank Islamic Berhad has this year allocated yet another RM2 million to Yayasan Pelajaran Mara (YPM) for the latter to undertake various educational-related programmes for school-going children from underprivileged families.

To date, since the collaboration with YPM in 2013, Maybank Islamic has contributed a total of RM7.383 million for this programme which began in the first year with tuition classes for 1,940 SPM-sitting students, which had produced outstanding results.

The following year, Maybank Islamic adopted and financially sponsored more than 1,000 children in Kedah, Kelantan, Melaka, Sarawak and Terengganu, and continued with the SPM tuition classes for 2,700 students.

In 2015, the programme, called "Semarak Ilmu" continued with a more holistic approach and a fund of RM2 million to not just cover financial aid, but also guiding them in their education and monitoring their progress until the tertiary level, be it at skills certificate, diploma or first degree levels.

This include monthly allowances of RM80 for primary school children and RM100 for secondary school students, tuition classes and motivational camps for those sitting national examinations while others are provided with religious lessons.

With the additional RM2 million allocated this year, the Semarak Ilmu programme continues this year and a mock cheque was presented to YPM last Friday, attended by Mara deputy director general Datuk Salmah Hayati Ghazali, Maybank Islamic deputy CEO Nor Shahrizan Sulaiman, YPM CEO Datuk Abdul Karim Mustafa and 50 of the adopted children.

On Saturday, the children spent their day with the management and employees of Maybank Islamic in a fun-filled programme themed "Teen Empowerment," in conjunction with Maybank Global CR Day which took place in 17 countries.

The team-building activities held that day were aimed at enhancing the spirit of cooperation among the children when faced with challenging tasks, allowing them to not just be creative but at the same time developing their communication and interaction skills.

"The learning process should never be limited to within the walls of classrooms. The art of communicating and interacting is crucial especially when one enters the workforce," said Maybank Islamic CEO Dato' Mohamed Rafique Merican to the participating students on Saturday.

Maybank Islamic's collaboration with YPM has benefitted close to 6,000 school children with 460 of them have achieved 6As and above in their SPM examinations. The Bank is also currently sponsoring 5 of them in local and foreign universities.

One of the students, Iskandar Zulqarnain, from SMK Datok Lokman, Kuala Lumpur said he shares the monthly allowance he receives from Maybank Islamic with his twin sister.

"The money has been very helpful for us to buy food in school and also school books. I am really thankful for the help," said the 16 year-old who was raised by his single dad and dreams of becoming an archaeologist.

Another recipient, Nur Intan Suraya, 14 from SMK Dato' Ibrahim Yaacob who wants to become a religious teacher appreciated the aid given to her which has allowed her to go for Quran memorization lessons at no cost.

"The RM1,200 I get a year has also been more than enough to ease the burden of my mother who is a general clerk, as I have 5 other siblings she has to focus on," she said.

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Maybank Islamic is ASEAN's leading Islamic bank and is the largest Islamic commercial bank in Malaysia with a market share of 33% of Islamic financing and deposit of 26% as at March 2016. For the first quarter ended March 31 2016, Maybank Islamic's total assets stood at RM161.1 billion, which registered a growth of 12% year-on-year.

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Let the games begin! Dato' Mohamed Rafique Merican with some of the students at the Global CR Day last Saturday.



Attentive. Dato' Mohamed Rafique Merican giving study tips to the bank's adopted children during Maybank Group Global CR Day.



Corporate Responsibility Engagement. The Maybank Islamic team with some of the children from underprivileged families.



Maybank Cares. Maybank Islamic Deputy CEO Nor Shahrizan Sulaiman (left) handing over the mock cheque to YPM CEO Datuk Karim Mustafa, witnessed by Mara deputy director general Datuk Salmah Hayati Ghazali.