

## STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAMME

# MyKasih helping pupils through 'Love My School'

**PENAMPANG:** A total of 220 underprivileged pupils in Sabah and Sarawak will receive financial support from the MyKasih Foundation under its "Love My School" student bursary programme.

The programme provides support for daily meals and learning necessities for underprivileged students, thus reducing the burden on their parents.

Yesterday, ConocoPhillips Malaysia, which has supported the programme for four years, contributed RM160,000 to the foundation so it could sponsor the four schools that it had adopted since 2013.

ConocoPhillips Malaysia president David Hendicott presented a mock cheque to MyKasih Foundation co-founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat at the launch of the "Love My School" programme at SK St Theresa Inobong here.

The other three schools that will benefit from the bursary programme are SK St Paul Kolopis here, as well as SK Combined and SK Sungai Apong, in Kuching, Sarawak.

"Students registered under the programme will receive assistance via a MyKasih smart card. Accounts will be opened under the student's name in the system, into which a spending allowance of RM30-RM40 will be deposited twice a month.

"They can use the card to purchase food from the canteen, and books and stationery from the school's bookstore," Ngau said.

He said 10 bicycles would also be distributed to each underpriv-

ileged pupil of SK St Theresa Inobong and SK St Paul Kolopis.

Some 100 pupils and their parents were present at the event.

Ngau advised the bursary recipients to make full use of the assistance and to focus on education so they could have a brighter future.

"I understand the situation because when I was younger, I went through trying times, too.

"I didn't have a bicycle so I had to walk to school, but I was given the opportunity to go to school.

"I did well in school so I could get a good job and earn money. Now, I'm successful, that is why I want to give back to society.

"Through the MyKasih Foundation, we want to give that same opportunity," he said.



*MyKasih Foundation co-founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boo Keat (back row, centre) and ConocoPhillips Malaysia president David Hendicott (second from right) with SK St Theresa Inobong pupils in Penampang, Sabah, yesterday. PIC BY MOHD ADAM ARININ*