

MyKasih 'Love My School' gets RM160,000 donation from ConocoPhillips Malaysia

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ConocoPhillips Malaysia president David Hendicott (2nd right) with MyKasih Foundation founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon (centre) pose for a group photo with some of the foundation's 'Love My School Student' bursary recipients at SK St Theresa Inobong in Penampang. Pix by MOHD ADAM ARININ.

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PENAMPANG: MyKasih Foundation has received RM160,000 contribution from ConocoPhillips Malaysia, allowing it to continue sponsoring 220 underprivileged pupils in Sabah and Sarawak.

Under the foundation's 'Love My School Student' bursary programme, the aid will be used to provide financial support for daily meals and learning necessities to students from lower-income families.

ConocoPhillips Malaysia president David Hendicott presented the mock cheque to MyKasih Foundation founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon during the launch of the programme at SK St Theresa Inobong near here.

Present were ConocoPhillips Malaysia General Manager of Assets and Commercial Richard Thomas and SK St Theresa Inobong headmaster Martin Sibit.

Apart from SK St Theresa Inobong, three other 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.

Ngau said this was the fourth year ConocoPhillips Malaysia collaborated with the foundation to help lessen financial burdens on lower-income families.

"Through the bursary programme, students from economically-challenged backgrounds receive much needed financial support which will give them better chance at completing their education and building a better life for their families."

He said pupils who are adopted under the Love My School programme were rendered assistance in the form of bursaries via a contactless MyKasih smartcard.

"Accounts will be opened against the students' MyKad in the MyKasih system into which a spending allowance of RM30-RM40 will be deposited twice a month.

"They can use the smartcard to purchase food from canteen and books as well as stationary from the school's bookstore," said Ngau.

He also said 10 bicycles would each be given to eligible pupils of SK St Theresa and SK St Paul Kolopis.

Meanwhile, Hendicott said ConocoPhillips would continue its collaboration with the foundation to bring better quality of life to poorer families and children.

Since its inception in 2009, MyKasih Foundation has reached out to over 230,000 low-income households, out of which 11,000 are primary and secondary student beneficiaries in 200 schools across the country.

To date, more than RM180 million worth of aid has been channelled to targeted beneficiaries using the MyKasih cashless payment system.

The bursary scheme is subject to annual review where students' academic performance is assessed.

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