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### **YAYASAN SABAH GROUP: CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING EDUCATION FOR SABAH**

**KOTA KINABALU (Friday):** Over the past five decades, Yayasan Sabah Group endlessly pursued its responsibilities in achieving the main objectives of its establishment by raising the people's standard of living by uplifting the quality of education and educational facilities for Sabahans, said the Director of Yayasan Sabah cum Chief Executive Officer of ICSB, Tuan Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Datuk Haji Mohd. Zakaria in his speech during the launching ceremony of the Yayasan Sabah One-Off Educational Assistance held on 21 September 2018 at Auditorium Tun Ahmad Raffae, Menara Tun Mustapha.

The Yayasan Sabah One-Off Educational Assistance was presented by Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal.

Since the first batch of students who were sent to Peninsular Malaysia back in 1968, Yayasan Sabah Group has been continuously active in empowering its education development agenda for the people of this State. Educational facilities such as textbooks, hostels, daily meals, school clothing, mentorship classes, pocket money and aeroplane fare were provided to sponsored students at that time.

In retrospect, the Yayasan Sabah Group is highly regarded as an organisation that pioneered the scheme for the distribution of school dairy milk, uniforms and shoes for students, especially those in rural areas which were later extended to needy urban students.

In terms of educational sponsorship, since 1968 to date, a total of 18,207 students have benefited from the Yayasan Sabah Scholarship for Higher Education totalling RM235.3 million. For the Sabah State Scholarship Award of Excellence, a total of 513 students benefited from the awards at the expense of RM89.4 million. Additionally, 9,997 students benefited from the Yayasan Sabah Educational Loan at a cost of RM221.78 million. Meanwhile, a total of 71,485 students received Secondary Scholarship sponsorship at a cost of RM111.4 million. In total, the Yayasan Sabah Group has sponsored a total of 100,202 students with an expenditure of RM657.9 million.

“Till this day, Yayasan Sabah Group continues to move forward in enhancing the efforts of the State and Federal Government in the development of the state as a whole, especially in the education field and is fortunate that through the new government under the leadership of Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal, the aspect of education continues to be emphasised as Yayasan Sabah Group’s main agenda,” explained Tuan Haji Jamalul.

As part of the new State Government’s commitment to education, Yayasan Sabah Group has announced an extra RM10 million a year in the funding of educational assistance for first-time students pursuing their tertiary education. The additional educational funding, which was described as being as timely and much needed by Tuan Haji Jamalul would be rolled out in separate phases in a year.

“This grant is specially given to newly registered students for the year of 2018 including recipients present today,” assured Tuan Haji Jamalul.

According to Tuan Haji Jamalul, the One-Off Educational Assistance is divided into two categories whereby first-year diploma and degree students enrolling in institutions of higher learning in Sabah will receive a one-off payment of RM1,000 per student while students entering institutions of higher learning in Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia will receive RM2,000 each.

“Funds are also given to students enrolling in the Ministry of Education Malaysia Matriculation College as well as those pursuing foundation courses at any of the government-

owned universities in Malaysia and certificate-level courses at Kolej Teknikal Yayasan Sabah. An estimated 5,000 students from all over Sabah will receive their educational funding this year, while the burden of parents who need to think about the initial cost of study for their children,” he added.

“The Yayasan Sabah Group is committed to continuing to support the efforts of the Sabah State Government to provide educational opportunities to more students by increasing the amount of educational sponsorship for children in the state. I believe in close collaboration and ongoing efforts, the dream of seeing the education level in the state increased, can be realised,” he further added.

The event was attended by hosts of the state cabinet and heads of government departments.



**PIX 1:** *Datuk Seri Shafie with the Yayasan Sabah One-Off Educational Assistance recipients.*



**PIX 2:** *Datuk Seri Haji Mohd. Shafie hands out the Yayasan Sabah One-Off Educational Assistance to one of the recipients. Also in the picture are Tuan Haji Jamalul (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Education and Innovation Minister, Datuk Dr. Yusof Bin Haji Yacob (3<sup>rd</sup> right).*

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