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YAYASAN SABAH GROUP ENHANCING STATE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KOTA KINABALU (Thursday): Yayasan Sabah Group continues to move forward in enhancing the efforts of the State and Federal Government in the educational development of the state, said Yayasan Sabah's Deputy Director, Datuk Hajah Rosmawati Haji Lasuki in her speech during the 29th Sabah State Scholarship Award of Excellence Ceremony (ABCNS) held on 26 July 2018 at Auditorium Tun Ahmad Raffae, Menara Tun Mustapha.

For more than five decades, Yayasan Sabah Group has provided the pivotal role of providing both educational opportunities and educational facilities for generations of Malaysians living in Sabah and ABCNS has always been the educational forefront to the Yayasan Sabah Group's prolific educational achievement.

"ABCNS is recognition to students with excellent results in their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination. Since the inception of this prestigious award was entrusted by the State Government to the Yayasan Sabah Group in 1990, a total of 513 people have enjoyed this education sponsorship totalling RM86.75 million. Out of that, a total of 370 students successfully completed their Bachelor's Degree with 29 of them earning First Class degrees in their respective fields," explained Datuk Hajah Rosmawati.

As part of the new State Government's commitment to education, this year's award has been increased to 40 students compared to the traditionally 25 students offered in previous years.

In reiterating Yayasan Sabah Group's educational commitments, Datuk Hajah Rosmawati emphasised Yayasan Sabah Group will continue to work closely with the State Government in channelling education assistance to students unable to pursue higher education byways of offering scholarships and loans to qualified Sabahans.

"Providing students with both educational opportunities and facilities has always been Yayasan Sabah Group's hallmark and we are truly grateful that the new government's administration has made education an important state development focus. In this regard, we hope that more Sabahans will benefit from this," she added.

Besides this, the State Government through Yayasan Sabah Group will provide a one-off education assistance amounting to RM10 million to Sabah students studying in institution of higher learning.

"The creation of the Ministry of Education and Innovation will certainly further enhance Yayasan Sabah Group's education programmes in line with the direction of the State Government and policies set by this ministry," she further added.

Throughout the years, Yayasan Sabah Group has intensified its education development from early education to institution of higher learning agenda. The establishment of its own college and university hinders the usual lament of quality education being expensive and deprived of the comfort of being close to one's family.

"Yayasan Sabah Group can now be proud of its very own gateway to quality educational facilities i.e. the Yayasan Sabah Technical College (KTYS) and University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF) in providing higher education opportunities to the youth of Sabah.

The ABCNS awards were presented by the Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Yayasan Sabah Board of Trustees, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal and attended by hosts of the state cabinet and heads of departments.



PIX 1 : *Datuk Seri Shafie with the ABCNS 2018 recipients.*



PIX 2 : *Datuk Seri Shafie hands out ABCNS certificate to one of the recipients. Also In the picture are Datuk Hajah Rosmawati (2nd left), Education and Innovation Minister, Datuk Dr. Yusof Bin Haji Yacob (3rd right) and State Education Department Director, Datuk Hajah Maimunah Binti Haji Suhaibul (right).*



PIX 3 : *Datuk Seri Shafie congratulates ABCNS 2018 recipients with Datuk Hajah Rosmawati (right).*

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