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YS REMAINS STEADFAST IN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

KOTA KINABALU, Monday – ABCNS is the highest recognition for secondary students and is a motivation for them to reach greater heights in their studies and future, stated the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad in his speech during the *Majlis Penyampaian Anugerah Biasiswa Cemerlang Negeri Sabah Siri ke-27* held on 23 May 2016 at Auditorium Tun Ahmad Raffae, Menara Tun Mustapha.

In 1990, Yayasan Sabah was given the privilege and trust by the State Government to organise *Biasiswa Cemerlang Negeri Sabah (BCNS)*. Throughout the 27 years of organizing BCNS, it has benefitted as many as 463 students involving RM69.7 million. Of these, as many as 323 recipients have graduated and are now working at various sectors. “I am very proud to say that out of the total recipients of BCNS as many as 20 students maintained good grades and graduated with First Class. I hope that their success will be a motivation to others,” said Datuk Sapawi.

“To all recipients today, use this opportunity as much as you can and do not let it go to waste. You are the chosen ones among thousands of other successful students. Create your own success and prove to your families and friends that you can be successful too,” said Datuk Sapawi.

He also added that education development has always been Yayasan Sabah’s main objective. “Since it was established 50 years ago, Yayasan Sabah has always opened up

opportunities and provided sponsorships for students to pursue their studies in fields that are needed in the market. Until today, Yayasan Sabah has been consistent in providing scholarships and education loans for students to further their studies based on the requirements and employment needs by year 2020,” said Datuk Sapawi.

Thus, in its efforts of education development, Yayasan Sabah also collaborates with other institutions of higher learning to provide greater opportunities to the youth of Sabah to further their studies. “This is because we believe that through these positive synergies, we can provide a greater impact on the development of education in the country,” Datuk Sapawi explained.

“This year alone, Yayasan Sabah through its wholly-owned Yayasan Sabah Technical College (KTYS) is collaborating with Universiti Malaysia Pahang in providing integral center for engineering courses,” said Datuk Sapawi. He further explained that Yayasan Sabah will sponsor students who wish to further their studies in engineering until Bachelor’s Degree at a number of universities in Germany. “Besides this, Yayasan Sabah, in collaboration with Department Youth and Sports Sabah, will also sponsor the youths in skills courses,” said Datuk Sapawi.

As for courses under BCNS, Yayasan Sabah has teamed up with a few public and private institutions of higher learning in providing the best for the students. Among the institutions are Manipal University, India, Institut Sinaran, Kolej Yayasan UEM and University College of Technology Sarawak. “These institutions will provide the best for fellow BCNS recipients to further their studies in foundation and A-Level, hence, creating better opportunities to further their studies at Degree level in their respective fields,” added Datuk Sapawi.

Yayasan Sabah’s efforts in education development in the State will continue on until generations of successful students become the leaders of tomorrow and push Sabah to its greatest.

During the ceremony, the Yayasan Sabah Mobile Collection Van was also launched. The collection of repayment of study loan is made easier through this Mobile Collection Van.

This Mobile Collection van will also be used to go around other districts in Sabah in an effort to disseminate more information on the educational facilities that Yayasan Sabah has to offer.

The event was officiated by Deputy Chief Minister cum Minister of Infrastructure Development, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Pairin Kitingan on behalf of the Chief Minister.

PIX 1 : *Tan Sri Joseph presenting the certificates to the recipients on behalf of Datuk Seri Musa.*



PIX 2 : *Tan Sri Joseph congratulating the recipients.*



PIX 3 : *Tan Sri Joseph launching the Yayasan Sabah Mobile Collection Van.*



PIX 4 : *Tan Sri Joseph giving the thumbs up at the launching of Yayasan Sabah Mobile Collection Van.*



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