

TNB 'BACK TO SCHOOL' AID CONTINUES WITH RM1 MLN ALLOCATION

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 15 (Bernama) -- Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) continues with its annual 'Back To School' programme with an allocation of RM1 million this year to provide school uniforms and items to 5,000 students at 30 locations in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.

Its chairman, Tan Sri Leo Moggie said the programme which entered the sixth year, saw over 30,000 students receiving the aid through this programme since it was introduced in 2013 with the expenditure amounting to RM6.2 million.

"The value of the aid may be small for some families but it means a lot for the recipients' parents, especially those with school-going children. We believe this contribution helps to lessen the financial burden of the B40 group.

"While the 'Back to School' aid is for pupils aged seven to 12, we give exemption for some recipients in Lembah Pantai, here, due to the high cost of living in the city area or the existence of urban poverty," he said after the handing-over of the aid at the national-level TNB 'Back to School' event, today.

The 400 selected students are from Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Bangsar, SK Bukit Bandaraya, SK Bukit Pantai, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Bangsar, SMK Bukit Bandaraya and SMK Seri Pantai who each received a set of school uniform, bag and stationery worth RM200.

Moggie said the 54 students from the three secondary schools also received RM1,500 each in annual sponsorship for three years (2018- 2020) to support their basic school needs from Form Three to Form Five through a TNB CR programme, the B40 Educational Aid.

"As a caring corporate citizen, we serve the community through the provision of various forms of educational aid as we believe education can bring change to people's lives, including getting out of poverty.

"Till now, TNB has spent over RM1 billion for the benefit of over 11,000 students who received aid and support including bursaries, scholarships and convertible loans, in line with our commitment to empowering the education of the young generation and developing the nation's human capital," he added.

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