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Rotary District 3300 launches 'A student A laptop' initiative

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Chief executive of Rotary Malaysia, Teoh Kwan Swee (second from right) with Lembah Pantai member of parliament, Fahmi Fadzil (left) and BAC strategic partner, Raja Singham (right) presenting laptops to students at the launch of 'A Student A Laptop' in Brickfields Asia College (BAC). - NSTP/SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

KUALA LUMPUR: The Rotary District 3300 today launched an initiative called "A student A laptop" at the Brickfields Asia College, here.

The project aims to provide laptops to disadvantaged secondary school students.

Project leader, Rotary District 3300's past governor Siti Subaidah Mustafa said the initiative will involve refurbishing used laptops, and ensuring they can be used by school-going students.

She said based on the Rotary's survey, there were many instances of students from poor backgrounds not being able to afford laptops.

"Since the Movement Control Order (MCO), many students had to stay home due to physical distancing rules, and having a laptop is important.

"Having no access to the necessary online tools and internet connectivity lead to students from low- income and marginalised families facing difficulties in attending to their studies, especially those who are preparing for their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia

(SPM) exams.

"Through this 'A Student A Laptop' initiative, our LAPTOPBANK is now opened to receive donations of laptops not more than four years old. We welcome donations from individuals and companies for bulk donations," she said after the launch of the initiative.

Also present at the event was Lembah Pantai member of parliament Fahmi Fadzil, who presented two newly-furbished laptops to SMK Bukit Bandaraya student Asysarman Soleh Mohd Herman, 16, and SMK Bangsar student Qurratu'aini M. Kamarul Arifin, 16.

Elaborating on the initiative, Siti Subaidah said donated laptops will be refurbished and installed with the necessary software before they are handed over to students who qualify to receive the aid.

She said the initiative is part of the second phase of an overall initiative of providing aid to school-going children and youths.

She said those who wanted to apply for assistance under the "A Student A Laptop" initiative could contact the Rotary District 3300 and fill up a form.

A statement from Rotary District 3300 said Brickfields Asia College, which is the project's strategic partner, also provides a free online resource known as SPMFlix which is a learning tool for students taking their SPM.

Since March, Rotary Malaysia has raised more than RM1.1 million to distribute food, grocery items and healthcare essentials to families in need. The relief effort has reached more than 12,000 families and 10,000 people on the frontlines.

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