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Education is the Key to Our Children's Future

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FOR the third consecutive year, IEM's Kerteh Chapter and Toyo Engineering and Construction Sdn Bhd (Toyo-M) joined hands to provide financial support to two primary schools in the Kemaman area, this time in Kijal, Terengganu.

A total of RM4500 each were donated to Sekolah Kebangsaan Kijal (SK Kijal) and Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampong Tengah (SK KG Tengah) to support the expenses of extra classes - which had been held in the evenings and weekends since April 2009 - for selected students sitting for their Primary Six examinations in September 2009.

The donation for this event was also part of the donations received from Toyo-M vendors and suppliers in November 2008.

The idea was suggested by the MP for Kemaman, Dato' Shabery Cheek; a strong supporter of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes of IEM Kerteh and Toyo-M. Dato' Shabery opined that our CSR activities should go beyond short term supports like giving away school shoes and school bags to poor children (which benefited 600 primary school children in 2007 and 2008), but to provide a longer term support to help talented students perform well in their examinations. After all education is the key element in lifting affected members of society out of poverty.

A small group of us from IEM Kerteh went to SK Kijal on the 26 July 2009 to handover the cheques. We thought it would be just a quiet and anonymous visit. We were pleasantly surprised by the touching reception given by the school, attended by both teachers and students.

After the welcoming speech by the Headmistress of SK Kijal, Hj. Kintan binti Ahmad, En. Azmi Ibrahim from the Kemaman Education Office (PPD Kemaman) expressed his appreciation and gratitude to IEM Kerteh and Toyo-M for this contribution to the schools.

Ir. Abdul Rashid (representing IEM Kerteh) in his speech said both organisations will continue to support the community especially the students who will be the future leaders of this nation. He also advised the students to show gratitude towards the sacrifice of their parents and teachers to ensure that they receive the education for a better future.

We hoped that this contribution and the interaction with the IEM Kerteh Chapter will spur the interests of these young children to become engineers, scientist and leaders of their respective communities. ■



Ir. Rashid presenting the cheque to SK Kijal



Ir. Rashid presenting the cheque to SK Kg Tengah



IEM Kerteh Chapter committee members posing with students of SK Kijal