

A second chance

Housewives graduate with useful skills



New start: Ngau (sitting third from left) with the recipients of the MyKasih Foundation Financial Literacy Course graduation certificate as well as those who contributed to their success.

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THE recent MyKasih Foundation Financial Literacy Course graduation ceremony saw 44 housewives receiving more than just a certificate but also a second chance to better their lives and their family's as revealed by some of the participants through their testimonials.

"I was a bad financial controller for my family before I took this course. I used to delay bill payments to the last minute at the end of the month and always ended up not being able to pay the bills," 52-year-old Yong Kam Leng said, describing the course as thoughtful.

She attended sewing classes under the foundation to learn a skill.

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"From zero sewing knowledge, I am now able to sew even quilts. Whenever I see my handiwork, I feel proud and thankful to my dedicated teachers. Eventually, I hope to be able to carve a career for myself doing this," she said.

Another certificate receiver Anjala Devi Marimuthu, 53, said life was better for her family.

"I can now use my newly-acquired skills to help my family financially,"

she said.

The 10-month course was organised by the MyKasih Foundation for families in Kampung Sungai Kayu Ara.

Foundation chairman and co-founder Ngau Boon Keat said more than 700 families in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Terengganu, Johor, Malacca and Sabah benefited from the MyKasih "Love My Neighbourhood" programme through the sponsorship of Dialog Group Bhd.

"The foundation helps more than 10,000 families throughout the nation. Our activities include providing provisions, skills course as well as tuition programmes for the children," he said.

As executive chairman of the Dialog Group, Ngau said they would continue to support programmes aimed at developing members of recipient families.