

# Making a difference through education

Petrol company organises competition at schools to improve learning

CALTEX Fuel Your School has once again extended a helping hand to schools in need in Malacca and Negri Sembilan after sealing a partnership with MyKasih Foundation.

In its fourth consecutive year, the campaign aims to provide proper classroom facilities for secondary school students in Negri Sembilan and Malacca by promoting the learning of Science, Technology, English and Mathematics.

"By reaching out to schools in Malaysia one state at a time, we are glad that the Caltex Fuel Your School campaign has made a difference and this is especially important for secondary schools in need as more than 50% of the students are from low-income households," said Caltex Policy, Government and Public Affairs manager Mokhtar Ali Ismail.

"In line with our global initiative, Chevron's Energy for Learning, this community campaign truly helps support learning-based programmes – whether it's acquiring new knowledge, gaining new skills or exposing individuals to different ways of thinking," he added.

This year, out of 25 classroom projects funded for Negri Sembilan, SK Kampong Parit and SK Pendidikan Khas Seremban struck the most wins and were

awarded with learning materials worth RM20,000 each.

The submissions contributed to a 60% increase compared to the overall campaign last year.

"I was overjoyed when we were informed that four of our submitted projects were selected and would be receiving learning materials to further enhance the classroom experience for our students," said SK Kampong Parit principal Mohd Sahib Rahmat.

"I applaud the teachers of this school who worked so hard to win the Caltex Fuel Your School campaign.

"It is like a dream come true and this is the best thing that's ever happened – together with the teachers, we are now able to provide a better learning environment for our students."

The learning materials which were awarded to the participating schools' winning projects created an impact, reaching a total of 1,241 students.

In Negri Sembilan, the campaign had reached out to more than 300 students with the support of Caltex users who purchased petrol using the Caltex Journey Card from Oct 15 to Nov

14 with RM2 pledged to the classroom projects.

Funds generated were channeled towards purchasing materials such as computer notebooks, projectors, interactive white boards, electronic dictionaries and laboratory equipment, to name a few.

Present at the closing ceremony of the Caltex Fuel Your School campaign was MyKasih Foundation managing director Jeffrey Perera.

"We applaud the concerted effort by all parties involved in making the campaign a success in Negri Sembilan," he said.

"We look forward to supporting community learning initiatives through our partnership with Chevron," added Perera.

The Caltex Fuel Your School campaign is part of Chevron's Energy for Learning – a global initiative which encourages partnerships with local communities, government bodies or non-profit organisations to expand learning opportunities as well as to support the development of both the social and economic vitality of these communities.

"For the fourth consecutive year, we are very pleased with the project submissions and the campaign that is helping to drive more and more schools to participate.

"We hope to continue this

community effort and extend it to more states in the coming years," added Mokhtar.

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(From left) Mokhtar, Seremban School District Student Affairs supervisor Nor Baizura Kamaruddin, Negeri Sembilan Education Department deputy director of education Pkharuddin Ghazali and Perera officially closing the Caltex Fuel Your School campaign in Negri Sembilan.