

Jameyah went out of her way to help classmate with cerebral palsy

KUALA LUMPUR: The heartfelt story of Jameyah Sheriff helping her classmate Tan Chin Chin, 37, a cerebral palsy sufferer, certainly touched the hearts of many and, of course, she was considered a hero when she was selected to be among the five MyHero 3.0 Award recipients. For her, the value and meaning of friendship cannot be measured by wealth but by the sense of responsibility, purity, compassion and sincerity in a relationship between friends.

According to Jameyah, in 2003, she had the opportunity to further her studies at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in the Social Sciences major and it was during the first week of college, when she heard several announcements by a lecturer about a student with a disability who needed help with transportation to college.

"At that time I did not know that the student had cerebral palsy until the third day when Chin Chin spoke in front of the college for help. When I looked at her face and her physical condition, I went downstairs and offered Chin Chin help. After that, my friendship with Chin Chin began. Since I don't stay in the hostel, I would invite Chin Chin to breakfast first.

"We had a lot of sweet experiences throughout the course of learning. My children also have a good relationship with Chin Chin and Chin Chin is also a source of inspiration to my children," she said when interviewed by an Utusan

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Jameyah added that her relationship with Chin Chin is still intact even after graduation as they are still meeting each other.

"I also tried to help Chin Chin get a job at USM, and to this day Chin Chin is still working at USM as a Social Research Officer. I am so grateful that Chin Chin finally got a job and Chin Chin was able to buy a house for her and her mother to live in.

"There are actually a lot of interesting stories of what we've been through together until now. Chin Chin is a person with a broad view of life. Although we have problems communicating, we often talk about and sometimes debate on various issues. I hope the community can accept the disabled as one of the productive members of society and contribute to the harmony and well-being of the nation," she added.

Asked how she felt when she was crowned the recipient of the MyHero 3.0 Award, Jameyah expressed her happiness and gratitude because she said the award is a tribute to her and her friends who are always concerned about the lives of the people around them.

"But that is not the main reason why I do volunteer work. What is important to me through this award is that the public will be more open to the importance of caring in our community so that people can be given help regardless of race, religion or language," she commented.

Through this recognition, Jameyah received a cash prize of RM5,000 and a trophy and certificate of appreciation. At the same time, she was also named Ambassador of Unity by the National Unity and Integration Department (JPNIN).

Although 59 years old and a mother of six, Jameyah is still



Jameyah (fourth left) receiving her award recently. Also seen are Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali (fourth right) who is wife of Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other officials.

volunteering to help people in need. She also runs several volunteer activities in Sabah besides doing volunteer works in Kuala Lumpur.

"I run several educational programmes for undocumented children, through a non-governmental organisation (NGO) there (in Sabah). Every three months I go there to train volunteers and carry out various activities with these children. We have also been able to set up a library for them with the

help of friends from Peninsular Malaysia.

"Since these children cannot afford regular schooling, learning at the Alternative Centre focuses on skills that will help them continue their adult life. I also try to instil in them a sense of worth, so that they will become useful people despite their nationality," said Jameyah.

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PDRM seeks ex-Emergency personnel

KUCHING: The Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) is calling out to former personnel who had served during the Emergency era, to come and help the force update their database.

According to Bau police chief DSP Poge Nyaon, the PDRM is looking for former Border Scouts, members of the Special Constabulary and Sarawak Women Constabulary, Extra Police Constables, Home Guards, auxiliary police personnel, and Police Field Force reservists.

"The Royal Malaysia Police is in the midst of updating its database and thus, we require the details and particulars of these pensioners and former police personnel to be updated.

"To those who had served during the Emergency, please provide us your name, rank, personal number (in the force), new and old identification card numbers, date of retirement, house and mobile phone numbers, your latest address and your next-of-kin," said Poge in a statement.

All information, he said, could be submitted to the following officers: Sgt Jeberi Drawi and Cpl Christina Titee Redat by calling 082-763311 extension 218, or via 019-8468564 (Jeberi) / 019-8837079 (Christina).

Riam Education Group welcomes new CEO

MIRI: Riam Education Group which runs Riam Road Secondary School (RRSS) and Riam Institute of Technology (Riamtec) welcomed Dr Pauline Ho as its chief executive officer (CEO) recently.

Ho brings her 20-year experience in academia having served in Curtin Malaysia since its inception. The Associate Professor in Accounting is active in leadership and research in corporate governance, entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability practices and digital finance.

The recipient of Women in Education Leader Award from World Education Congress in 2018 was instrumental in bringing two international events to Miri in 2014 and 2016, namely Management Education Symposium and Pan-Pacific Business Conference.

She maintains professional affiliation with CPA Australia and Malaysian Institute of Accountants having worked with an international audit firm and investment bank for five years.

The Sibü native obtained her Bachelor of Accounting and Finance from University of Western Australia with PhD and Graduate Certificate of Tertiary Teaching from Curtin University, Australia.

Ho said her mission in education is to empower, nurture and motivate students to achieve academic and personal development.

In a press conference to welcome and introduce her to board members, teachers and staff she said: "It is my honour



Law (front, seventh left) receives the Junior Cambridge Programme from Ng, witnessed by Ho (front, fifth right), board members and teachers.

to be appointed CEO of Riam Education Group. Staff and students have accepted the first disruptive change of a new CEO. I believe they are ready to accept the positive disruptions that are forthcoming. Only through change will Riam Education Group progress."

She emphasised that the well-being of students is the focus of RRSS with its unique 3-in-1 curriculum integrating Chinese Independent School (UEC J3 & S3), Malaysia National School (PT3 and SPM) and International School (Cambridge Junior Science, Mathematics and English). "Cambridge International has

agreed to extend complimentary Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme. With this extension, the original version of JSME is rebranded into the Cambridge Junior curriculum into Science, Maths and English (JSME 2.0) to provide the quality, value-added learning to RRSS students. This comprehensive 3-in-1 curriculum enables RRSS students to receive the best education," she added.

RRSS will strengthen its co-curricular activities to complement students' learning experiences, she added.

A particularly crucial subject is the introduction of Cambridge's Global Perspectives

to raise awareness of the key issues facing the world, develop empathy and respect of students' opinion and perspectives, develop their research skills, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration and communication.

RRSS continues to emphasise students' participation in extra-curricular activities to develop well-rounded students with intellectual, social, physical and moral capabilities against the backdrop of tight discipline during formative years with counselling to be enhanced.

Similarly at Riamtec, student-centred learning is given priority with more courses relevant

to industries in the offing and partnership with industries to provide more work placements for students.

"Our ethos is to provide excellent holistic education in a safe supportive learning environment, one where people are valued and make positive contributions to the school community, and where students go on to become responsible members of society," concluded Ho.

Also present were Riam Education Group chairman Dato Sri Law Kiu Kiong and Junior Cambridge Programme country director of Cambridge International Ng Seng Huat.



Abdul Karim (fourth right) and wife Datin Zuraini Abdul Jabbar (on his left) join Rasidah (fourth left) and Batu Kitang assemblyman Lo Khere Chiang (third left) in a photo-call on-stage with the top three contestants of Sarawakiana Carnival 2019's short video competition.

Sarawakiana Carnival may be included in tourism calendar

Matthew Umpang

KUCHING: The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture will consider incorporating the 'Sarawakiana Carnival' into Sarawak's tourism calendar.

According to the minister Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, the programme could potentially become a catalyst to further develop and promote Sarawak's cultural heritage.

"I agree with the chief executive officer of Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Dr Rasidah Bolhassan about the inclusion of the Sarawakiana Carnival as one of the programmes listed on the (Sarawak's) tourism calendar.

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Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah

international event for Sarawak like World Rainforest Music Festival (RWMF)," he said at the closing ceremony of Sarawakiana Carnival 2019 at a hotel here on Sunday night.

Abdul Karim also announced that the theme for Sarawakiana Carnival 2021 would be 'Leaves', which would highlight the specialty and uniqueness of the usage of leaves in the culture and daily life of the Sarawak community.

He said in Sarawak, various

types of leaves could be used in many areas such as in food preparation, traditional medicines, customs and traditional ceremonies, home construction, decorations, fine arts and crafts, as well as games and recreations.

"Leaves play an important role in our lives, especially in our arts and designs here in Sarawak. The Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK), for example, is shaped like a leaf when viewed from above," he pointed

out.

Meanwhile, Rasidah said this year's theme for the carnival, 'Our Tradition, Our Treasures', focused on 'Sarawak Engravings and Sculptures'.

Pustaka Negeri Sarawak here hosted the three-day event, which concluded last Sunday, while Pustaka Miri held the highlight event earlier this year.

According to Rasidah, the Sarawakiana Carnival made its debut in 2010.

Later, Abdul Karim and Rasidah jointly unveiled a book entitled 'Winged Beauties: Birds of Sarawak'.

They also handed over prizes to the top entries for a short video competition on 'Sculptures in Sarawak', run in connection with the carnival.

Customs arrests 2 locals for contraband

BINTULU: The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) Bintulu enforcement branch arrested two local individuals and seized a total of 460 sticks of contraband cigarettes and 63 litres of alcohol of different brands during 'Operasi Outlet' at a business outlet here yesterday.

JKDM state director Abdo' Sharifah Halimah Tuanku Taha who led the operation said in a statement the estimated value of the illegal items seized was RM262.50 and with total taxes of RM1,229.11.

About 20 officers from JKDM Bintulu enforcement branch led by its station chief Azman Abdul Wahab raided the business outlet.

"Two individuals were detained to assist in our investigation under Section 135(1)(d) of the Customs Act 1967 and under Section 74(1)(a) of the Excise Act 1976," she said.

In another related case, Sharifah Halimah said a businessman was fined RM100,000 by the Magistrate Court here for possessing illicit alcohol worth RM567 with tax RM881.25.



Sharifah Halimah and other JKDM enforcement officers conduct a raid.

She urged the public to assist JKDM to fight smuggling activities of cigarettes, alcohol, firecrackers, drugs, vehicles and other prohibited items and warned them not to get involved in any of these activities.

"Smuggling not only harms the country with the losses in our

resources but also pose a threat to the national security and the wellbeing of the people," she cautioned.

The public can give any relevant information related to smuggling activities at the JKDM toll free line at 1-800-88-8855.

Man fined RM2,000, in default one-month jail, for causing property damage

MIRI: A man was fined RM2,000, in default one-month imprisonment, by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday after he pleaded guilty for causing property damage.

Afiq Fitri Abdullah Ronny, 22, was charged under Section 427 of the Penal Code, which provides imprisonment of not less than one year and not exceeding five years, or fine – or both – upon conviction.

According to the details of the case, the accused was found guilty of committing mischief by causing damage on the door and the wall of his aunt's house in Pujut 1 here, at 5.30pm on Sept 23.

Afiq Fitri, who was not represented, appealed for a light sentence as it was his first offence and his action then was triggered by stress.

ASP Mary Ong represented the prosecution before Magistrate Md Shafique Md Hilmie.

PKR Stakan to strengthen PH chances in coming state polls – Branch chief

KUCHING: The Stakan branch of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) is formed to ensure Pakatan Harapan (PH) is strong enough to win the seat in the coming state election, says its chief Numpang Suntai.

As it was only formed recently, he said their immediate focus is to get Stakan branch up and running and ready to play its role in helping PH to give Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) a good fight.

He noted that at this point of time, the branch had not talked about candidacy for the constituency.

"For us, we just want to ensure that as a component party within the PH, we are strong enough to win Stakan. So our discussions have not reached that kind of level - whether or not PKR should contest the seat in the coming state election.

"In the last state election Stakan was contested by DAP and for the coming election, we just leave it to the top leadership to decide which component party or the candidate to contest in the constituency," he said told a press conference at Batu Lintang PKR service centre here yesterday.

Numpang said the branch would also definitely try to get as many members as possible.

He said currently there are about 2,000 PKR members in Kota Samarahan.

He noted that the branch would also serve as communication channel for the federal government to reach out to the people in Stakan.

"This communication channel is crucial for the rakyat to know the various initiatives the federal government is providing and for the rakyat to enjoy the benefits," he said.

Stakan is one of the state constituencies within the parliamentary constituency of Kota Samarahan.

The meeting on October 4 elected Numpang as the branch chief and Wilson Jebly Saing as deputy chief.

Numpang is a committee member of the State PKR Leadership Council, State PKR election committee and Kota Samarahan PKR information chief.

He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from the University of Adelaide, Australia and is a registered member of the Institute of Engineers Malaysia.



Numpang (second left) flanked by some of his committee members at the press conference.

Headmasters chip in for pupils

JULAU: Julau/Pakan Headmasters Council (MGBJP) yesterday chipped in to assist pupils of SK Nanga Serau near here who lost their belongings when their dormitory was destroyed in a fire last Thursday afternoon.

The cash donation of an undisclosed amount was handed over by MBBP Chairman, Zamerene Ruin to the school's

headmaster, Abdul Razak Amin when he led exco members on a visit the school yesterday morning.

The afternoon fire robbed 41 boarding pupils of their belongings including school uniform and stationery.

Two hostel management staff also lost their belongings in the fire said to be caused by a short-circuit.



Zamerene (third right, front row) hands over the donation to Abdul Razak (fourth left) as others look on.

Nothing stops a volunteer from helping the homeless

KUALA LUMPUR: Being busy with college and running a business is not a barrier for Richard Wong Yew King, 42, in volunteering to help people in need especially the homeless.

His experiences when pursuing a degree in electrical and computer engineering at Monash University, Australia has prompted Wong to help the less fortunate.

Adhering to the teachings of Islam, Wong, who is a new addition to Islam, said his initiative to help the homeless was a form of sustenance.

"While in Australia, I needed to save up. My life there was like a bum and I could only live in a small room.

"Since then, I have been determined to help people in need. For me, this venture is also an act of charity. The wealth and joy I have today, I want to share with those in need," he said.

The founder of 'Food for Gelandangan' (FFG) initially helped the homeless by providing food with the help of family and friends.

Wong said they provided hot food but found it to be less practical because it was not durable.



"So we give them dry food like cookies, fruits and so on," he added.

"In addition to food, we also bring a wide range of other things and services such as bath care, clothes and medical care throughout the Klang Valley," he said.

The father of three said he and four volunteers also provide hair cutting service to the underprivileged.

"At the same time, FFG will create a programme for the homeless to acquire skills in hair cutting to help them earn an income and make them more confident about themselves," he added.

The Petaling Jaya resident added that in addition to helping the homeless, he also volunteered at the Belum Forest Reserve in Perak.

"Some of the assistances we provide are solar installation,



Wong (fourth left) receives his prize from the Prime Minister's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, at the My Hero 3.0 Award ceremony in Kuala Lumpur recently.

food aid, clean water system installation services and so on," he said.

Wong admits that he meets with some doubts from his peers.

"I admit, some of my friends are cynical about my involvement in this activity as if I have other motives. But it does not break my spirit to continue to do charity

as I consider it as a hobby and a good way to promote harmony," he said.

When asked about his feelings when he was honoured as one of

the My Hero 3.0 Award recipients, Wong said he was surprised but grateful to be announced as the recipient.

"I never expected to be one of the recipients because the other candidates who were nominated were seen as more talented and qualified," he said.

For the award, Wong received a cash prize of RM5,000, a trophy and a certificate of appreciation. At the same time, he was also named Ambassador of Unity by the National Unity and Integration Department (JPNIN).

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Run a way to engage local communities — TM S’wak GM

Rintos Mail

KUCHING: Telekom Malaysia (TM), through TM Sarawak Club, is organising the ‘Digital Community Run 2.0’ – set for flag-off at Mydin Mall Petra Jaya here this Nov 30, at 7.30pm.

According to TM Sarawak general manager Jafer Sadig Abdul Lathiff, the event is aimed at creating an engagement platform with the community at large through fun and healthy activities.

He says in addition to the run, there will also be other activities such as a ‘Digital Challenge’, ‘TelCo Street Soccer Challenge’, ‘We Got Talent’ competition and an open ‘Kahoot’, to be conducted from 9am to 4pm that day.

“The ‘Digital Challenge’ will be the highlight of the day. It is a race between teams, out to complete the defined tasks utilising digital platforms,” he spoke during a press conference here yesterday.

Adding on, Jafer said Sarawak was committed to continuously playing an active role in engaging with the local communities through sport events or recreational activities.

“Running is a very good platform to promote a healthy lifestyle.”

He also expressed his hope for the support for and participation from the local communities in the event would provide awareness of the digital services that TM could offer – befitting its role as the national telecommunications infrastructure provider of Malaysia’s ‘Digital Nation’ aspirations.

“With this, TM is well-positioned to help increase the digital adoption and empower



Jafer joins Hasni (left) and Suhardi (right) in showing the official T-shirts for TM Sarawak’s ‘Digital Community Run 2.0’.

their daily lifestyles, making life easier,” he said.

On Digital Community Run 2.0, Jafer said it would hold two categories – the 5km Fun Run, and the 10km Competitive Run.

“Those who are staying outside of Kuching, Sarawak can also participate in the ‘Virtual Run,’” he said, adding that the participants of both categories would each be entitled to receive the official running T-shirt, a finisher’s medal, and some goodies.

“For the 10km run, participants stand a chance to win 10 cash prizes and other attractive prizes.”

More information could be obtained via www.jomrun.com/event/digital-community.

In connection with the run, Jafer said the public must not miss out the chance to grab the latest ‘Pay Nothing’ promotion from Unifi, where new and existing Unifi customers (except the Unifi Basic 60GB, Unifi Lite and Unifi Air subscribers) would not need to pay anything for their subscriptions until the end of the year – subject to terms and conditions.

He said to add more excitements, those subscribing to this promo via www.unifi.com.my, would not only get

their Unifi installed and ready for use within 24 hours (subject to slot availability), they would also stand a chance to enjoy the subscribed plan free for one year.

“So, don’t forget to head on over to Mydin Mall Petra Jaya this Nov 30, from 9am onwards, to join the ‘Digital Community Run 2.0’ and take part in all the fun activities,” he added.

TM Sarawak assistant general manager Suhardi Sahari and TM Sarawak manager cum event organising chairman Hasni Kasan were also present at the press conference.

Hikmah kindies in Sarawak all set for education transformation — Deputy head

MIRI: Harakah Islamiah (Hikmah) intends to transform every Hikmah kindergarten across Sarawak, aimed at providing the Muslim pupils comprehensive delivery of both academic and religious education.

According to Hikmah deputy chairman Temenggong Dato Abdul Rahman Fadzail, the transformation would involve the existing curriculum and also the facilities at every Hikmah kindergarten in Sarawak.

“This is our intention – to transform the education provided by Hikmah in Sarawak, towards producing extraordinary and spiritual human capital.

“Therefore, a study will be conducted including on the proposed improvements and upgrading of both teaching and learning facilities at these kindergartens,” he spoke in his address for the 35th Tadika Hikmah mini-graduation ceremony at a hotel here recently.

The event involved 127 pupils from six Hikmah kindergartens across Miri Division.

Hikmah is an Islamic non-governmental organisation (NGO) that was officially established during the 11th delegates meeting of its predecessor, Angkatan Nahdatul Islam Bersatu (Bina).

Bina itself was founded in Sarawak in 1968, as a body that strove to uphold the noble values, teachings and principles of Islam among Muslims in Sarawak.



Abdul Rahman poses for the camera with one of the ‘graduating’ Tadika Hikmah pupils.

Friendship born in college leads duo to make difference in lives of Orang Asli children

KUALA LUMPUR: Who would have thought that the meeting of two friends while furthering their studies together, would bring them to a bigger chapter in their lives?

Rajendran Velu, 62, and Cheah Kim Hock, 57, called their meeting at a college in Kuala Lumpur in the 80s as the starting point of a volunteer programme initiated by them.

They began the programme with the Orang Asli community by holding kindergarten classes for Orang Asli children at a rural village in Raub, Pahang.

“We both left our respective comfort zone to help the community who are more in need of assistance.

“This was the start of our effort in helping the Orang Asli,” Rajendran told Utusan Borneo recently.

From 2002 to 2004, Rajendran and Cheah together with a few other volunteers taught children at the village before registering them at a school at Sang Lee town in Raub, Pahang.

“They were all registered into classes based on their age. From then on, these Orang Asli children were exposed to formal education.”

Rajendran added that the group of volunteers then registered themselves with the Registrar of Societies in 2010 under the name ‘Semoa’ (Semenanjung dan Orang Asli).

The purpose of the registration was to make it easier to manage and administer their charity work, he pointed out.

To date, they have enrolled 92 Orang Asli children aged five to 17 in six primary and secondary schools around Raub.

“I’m especially proud to say that 12 of the children under our care are currently pursuing their studies at Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) University College, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and several community colleges around the Klang Valley,” he said.

Hoping the MyHero 3.0 Award Becomes an Eye-Opener to Many

As one of the recipients of the MyHero 3.0 Award, Rajendran said he is grateful after learning



Cheah and Rajendran (fourth and fifth left, respectively) receive their award from the Prime Minister’s wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali during the presentation ceremony held recently in Kuala Lumpur.

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he had been nominated for the honour.

“Cheah and I are very happy and felt appreciated. We hope that when we become ambassadors of unity, it can open the eyes of many to help the Orang Asli to get access to better education and facilities in the future.

“The Orang Asli should not be left out, and should be helped like other races in Malaysia.

“We also thank the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, and the National Unity and Integration Department.”

Through the recognition, Rajendran and Cheah received a cash award of RM5,000, trophy and certificate of appreciation.

At the same time, they

were each appointed as Unity Ambassador by the National Unity and Integration Department.

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Rajendran with the Orang Asli children.

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Heroic act bags teacher MyHero award

KUALA LUMPUR: The courage and swift action of a teacher who risked herself to save the lives of six Yoke Kuan National Secondary School students in Sekinchan, Selangor from an amok attack 20 years ago has been recognised with the presentation of the MyHero 3.0 Award.

Norzah Abdul Gani said the amok incident involved a machete-wielding man who broke into the school on a Friday afternoon during transition from morning session classes to the afternoon session.

"It was a busy day and many students were still in the school vicinity. I was at the top floor of the school building when I heard people screaming for help.

"When I looked out, a big-sized man was heading for the classes and slashed some of the students. Before that, the man had burned a motorcycle, causing chaotic scenes in the school," she said in an interview.

Norzah, who was also a recipient of the Ministry of Education's Certificate of Appreciation in 1999 following her brave action, said she decided to confront the man despite the tense situation.

"At that time, I felt angry especially since my students were injured by that man. Without hesitation, I spoke Chinese to him 'Koko, shen me shi?' (Big brother, what is the matter?)



Norzah (fourth left) receives the RM5,000 cash prize as well as a trophy and certificate of honour from the prime minister's wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at the recent MyHero 3.0 Awards ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

"I took courage and invited the man to the canteen to calm him down. I managed to get him to sit in the school cafeteria and I told him to rest. I brought two cans of drinks to cool him down," she added.

While the attacker was at the canteen, Norzah said she signalled to the other teachers to get to the injured students and move them to a safer place.

"As we sat down to talk, he was still holding the machete and pointing it at me. In the end, I had to use reverse psychology to alleviate the situation by pretending to support him. I did not expect the tactic to succeed,"

she said.

Norzah, who is currently the Director of MindRevolution Traing Ent, said she never thought she would be selected to receive the MyHero 3.0 Award.

She nonetheless expressed her gratitude for the award and described it as a recognition not only to herself but to all educators in the country.

"I'm actually surprised by this award being given now as that incident happened 20 years ago.

"However, I am very happy and appreciate it. The job of teachers is very challenging but they always make sure their students get the best education and treatment

regardless of race and religion," she said.

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(From left) Khairool, Heineken, Elfy and Amirrul in a photocall.

SMA assists local start-up attend Startup Istanbul Oct 18-21

KUCHING: Timogah, a start-up based in Sarawak was among the Top 100 startups to pitch to international angel investors, venture capitalists and various organisations at Startup Istanbul 2019 between Oct 18 and 21 at Uniq Istanbul, Turkey.

About 160,000 startups from around the world applied to join Startup Istanbul, a leading start-up event that gathers founders, investors and executives from around the world. Some 500 startups from 80 countries, 500 investors and an estimated 4,000 participants attended the international event.

Accompanying Timogah to the conference were officers from Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) Digital Village Unit, Amirrul Rizwan Mohd Abd Hafiz and Khairool Adzelan Aman.

Founded by chief executive officer Heineken Lualan, a Bau local, and chief operating officer Elfy Hassan from Asajaya, Timogah aims to provide tech-solutions to enable rural farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers or retailers, removing the middleman and creating job opportunities for delivery agents.

According to Heineken, the conference gave insights into the workings of the global market and what investors look for in a successful start-up.

"The conference connected us with potential investors from

Saudi Arabia, Africa, South America and other countries," said Heineken.

"We would like to take the opportunity to also thank the Sarawak government through Sarawak Multimedia Authority for the assistance to attend this prestigious event."

According to Khairool, SMA, through the Digital Village Unit is committed to assist any Sarawak-based start-ups with the capabilities and potential to grow successfully.

"Our aim is to help local start-ups meet with potential investors to quickly scale their businesses by providing Startup Enabler Grant," said Khairool, adding that SMA supports any startup within Sarawak Digital Village Ecosystem (SDVE) who qualify to attend international programmes.

Any start-up can apply for the grant, especially those with proven track records that could impact the state positively. The Startup Enabler Grant provides non-monetary assistance as one of the initiatives within SDVE to develop the start-up ecosystem in Sarawak.

It aims to create high-value companies benefiting Sarawak with the creation of high-skills jobs, foreign direct investment and the development of local talent and capabilities in cutting-edge technology.

MIRI: IBS College held its annual prom night for graduating students last Saturday at Eastwood Valley Golf & Country Club here.

Dr Antony Hii, the founder and principal of the college since its inception 21 years ago, announced in his speech that he had passed the baton in July to senior lecturer Dr Lau Pun Lee who has been with the college for 18 years.

Assuming the position of chairman, Hii is confident that under Lau, the college would propel to new heights with graduates of high calibre.

In his speech, he revealed that IBS College has just received approval from the Ministry of Education to run Advanced Diploma in Business Management, a one-year and four-month programme leading to final-year degree programme. To encourage diploma students to further their studies, the college is now giving RM7,000 fee discount to diploma graduates to pursue Advanced Diploma in Business Management.

With Advanced Diploma in



IBS College staff, students and guests from SMK Dato Permaisuri pose for group photo.

Business Management and five-year work experience, graduates may pursue Master degree offered by IBS College in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

Meanwhile, Lau in his speech said the efforts and hard work of

Hii has transformed IBS College into one of the most prestigious educational institutions in Sarawak.

Various performances and games by staff and students from SMK Dato Permaisuri entertained the diners while

prizes were given to lucky draw winners. Alumni members and students from Curtin University Malaysia also attended the dinner.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the prom King and Queen.

MRC Kuching raises RM50,000 in jogathon

KUCHING: A total of RM50,000 was raised from the Malaysian Red Crescent (MRC) Kuching District jogathon at Kuching South City Council (MBKS) here on Sunday (Oct 27).

More than 600 ran to save lives in the 7km and 3km jogathon to raise funds for blood donation recruitment services. According to MRC Kuching District deputy chairman Dr Chou Chii Ming, the district has been awarded by the Malaysian Red Crescent National Headquarters for being the highest blood collection centre in the country over the last 19 years.

"Blood donor recruitment service is one of the core services in our community besides natural disaster relief, first aid training and service to the public," said Dr Chou in a statement yesterday.

Chou was pleased with the hard work of MRC Kuching District in assisting Sarawak General Hospital and private hospitals with blood supply.

About 22,911 pints of blood were collected in 2018.



MRC 'Run to Save Lives' jogathon flags off from MBKS foyer.

Local Lions Club cleans beach, park

MIRI: More than 20 members of Lions Club International District 308-A2 spent yesterday morning cleaning up Tanjong Lobang beach and recreational park.

Past international director Ellis Suriyati Omar who led the clean-up thanked members who volunteered.

"As one of the largest service

organisation in the world, we are dedicated to help those in need through different projects and keep the environment clean for our generation, the younger generation, while increasing awareness by being good examples," said Ellis.

Ellis flew in from Kuching on Sunday to attend Lions Club

International's Campaign 100 Borneo Rally Fellowship Dinner held in appreciation for members at a local hotel here on Sunday.

"We are working extremely hard to build our reputation, to be one of the best districts in the world which is only possible with the support of the community," she said.



Ellis (standing, 11th left) and members of Lions Club International in group photograph during the cleaning campaign at Tanjong Lobang.