

She said never before had education been made more accessible to the youngsters, adding that there were 354,000 students enrolled at public and private institutions of higher learning in Malaysia alone.

Ng said 25% of the country's youth aged 17 to 23 completed their tertiary education last year compared to only 3% in China and 4% in India.

Since the fund was launched in 1994, Ng said a total of 1,088 scholarships worth RM21mil had been awarded.

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