

RM6.5m boost for Star Education Fund

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KUALA LUMPUR: A record 34 private educational institutions pledged scholarships worth RM6.5mil to the Star Education Fund 2002 yesterday.

At a ceremony held in conjunction with the opening of *The Star Education Fair 2002*, representatives of the colleges presented scrolls to Deputy Education Minister Datuk Hon Choon Kim who accepted the pledges on behalf of *The Star*.

A total of five educational institutions contributed to the fund for the first time - Putra Nasional College, The One Academy, The University of Nottingham in Malaysia, Kolej Universiti Teknologi dan Pengurusan Malaysia and KLC Centre for Higher Studies.

Three colleges - Equator Academy of Art, Systematic Education Group and Binary College - contributed to the fund again after a lapse.

The other contributors are: Alif Creative Academy, Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, FTMS-ICL, HELP Institute, Institute Advertising Communication Training, Informatics, Institut Perkim-Goon, INTI College, KDU College, Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology, Metropolitan College and Malaysia Institute of Integrative Media.

Also contributing are Millennium Institute of Management, Institute of Creative Technology, PRIME College, Pusat



FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD ... contributors to the fund standing with Hon (centre) and Ng (seventh from right), and general manager of advertising and business development for *The Star* Linda Ngiam, (sixth from right). Five educational institutions also contributed to the fund for the first time.

Teknologi dan Pengurusan Lanjutan and its branch in Sungai Petani, Saito Academy, SAL Group of Colleges, Sedaya College, Sepang Institute of Technology, Stamford College, Sunway College and Taylor's group chief editor Datuk Ng

Poh Tip thanked the contributors for their generosity.

"Since the fund's inception nine years ago, 1,100 students have received scholarship awards worth about RM21mil.

"Your contributions will be a students and will assist in our

efforts to reach out to them," she added.

Hon commended *The Star* for setting up the fund.

"It is a big increase to RM6.5mil this year from the initial RM700,000 which the

He also thanked the institu-

tions for helping bright and deserving students financially.

APIT managing director Parmjit Singh and Alif principal Henry Wong also commended *The Star* for co-ordinating the fund.