

More benefit from Star Fund

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PETALING JAYA: Putting three children through college is a struggle for most parents.

However, Lim Je Chin's parents' burden was eased when she received a scholarship from the Star Education Fund for the second time.

"I am thankful for my parents' sake as they have to pay for my two siblings" who are also pursuing tertiary education in private colleges, she said.

"I feel lucky as I know it is not easy to get a scholarship the second time around," said the 19-year old who scored 9As in the *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia*.

The Nilai International College student had earlier received a scholarship to do a Diploma in Accounting in Stamford College from the Fund and is now pursuing a 3+0 programme with Oxford Brookes University in Accounting and Finance.

It was another record year for the Star Education Fund 2004 as a total of 40 private educational institutions contributed 137 scholarships worth RM3.77mil to the Fund to help needy and deserving students continue their education.

The awards cover a wide spectrum of scholarships - from postgraduate to



Ng (behind girl in wheelchair) posing with scholarship recipients and representatives of colleges yesterday.

professional awards to Bachelor degrees, diploma, certificate and vocational programmes. The fund, which was set up in 1994 is aimed at helping deserving Malaysians achieve their dreams of higher education.

Paying tribute to the contributors, *The Star's* group editorial/education adviser Datuk Ng Poh Tip said that "the generosity and collaborative efforts of our partners-in-education play a very

important role in ensuring the success of the Fund."

"Since the Fund's inception, 1,615 students have received scholarship awards with a total value of about RM33.5mil," she said at a scholarship presentation ceremony yesterday.

The fund is divided into two tiers with the first consisting of contributions made by *The Star*. This year, five students received scholarships to

study at Montfort Boys Town, Universiti Malaya and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Scholarships in the second tier are from local and foreign higher educational institutions. The contributors are Alif Creative Academy, Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Binary College, Edith Cowan University, Equator Academy of Art and Design, Help Institute, Institute

Advertising, Communication and Training, Inti College Malaysia, Inti College Subang, Inti International College Penang, Institut Perkim-Goon, Informatics, KDU College, Kolej Universiti Teknologi dan Pengurusan Malaysia, LimKokWing University College of Creative Technology and Metropolitan College.

Other institutions involved in the fund are the Malaysian Institute of Integrative Media, Millennium Institute of Technology, Nilai International College, Northumbria University, Prime College, Penang Medical College, Pusat Teknologi dan Pengurusan Lanjutan Shah Alam, Pj College of Art and Design, Saito Academy, Sepang Institute of Technology, Systematic Education Group, Stamford College, Sunway College, Taylor's College, The One Academy of Communication Design, University College Sedaya International, University of East London and the University of Nottingham in Malaysia.

Ng also welcomed the new contributors to the Fund: Asian Institute of Medicine, Science & Technology, Kolej Dised-Stamford, Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College, Raffles La Salle International Design School and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.