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### **YAYASAN SABAH GROUP TO FURTHER ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**KOTA KINABALU (Thursday)** – Yayasan Sabah Group is to further enhance its educational development programme, which is the main focus of the Group in ensuring the growth of a generation's successful future, said the Director of Yayasan Sabah cum Chief Executive Officer of Innoprise Corporation Sdn. Bhd., Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Datuk Haji Zakaria in his speech during the Yayasan Sabah Group Annual Dinner held at Menara Tun Mustapha on 13 February 2019.

“From early childhood to tertiary education, Yayasan Sabah Group will bring about more educational opportunities for students in creating excellence in education,” added Datuk Haji Jamalul.

In 2018, early childhood development activities through Taska Ria Nursery, Tadika Ria Kindergarten, Taska Kristal Ria Child Care, Transition Centre and Rural Kindergartens have benefited a total of 509 students. To date, 12,882 preschool children have benefited from Yayasan Sabah Group's early childhood development activities.

Yayasan Sabah Group in 2018 offered 2,335 new student loans, scholarships and bursaries for secondary school students as well as those studying at Institutions of Higher Learning.

From 1967 to 2018, Yayasan Sabah Group has spent RM114.3 million on scholarships/bursaries benefiting 72,625 secondary students. Additionally, scholarships/bursaries for Higher Education worth RM334.7 million were spent from 1968 up to 2018 benefiting 18,717 students while RM228.9 million worth of student loan has been spent for 10,026 students in tertiary education. Yayasan Sabah Group also spent RM95 million on the Sabah State Scholarship Award of Excellence (ABCNS) from 1990 until 2018 benefiting 553 students.

In 2018, a RM10 million One-Off Scholarship Assistance was launched by the Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Yayasan Sabah Board of Trustees, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal on 21 September 2018. A total of 14,726 students has applied for the fund and the payment process of the scholarship is running smoothly.

“This special fund is the initiative of Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie in assisting outstanding and underprivileged students who have just enrolled in Institutions of Higher Learning,” explained Datuk Haji Jamalul.

“Overall, Yayasan Sabah Group has spent RM772.7 million on scholarships, bursaries and education loans which benefitted 101,921 secondary and Institutions of Higher Learning students since 1967 up till present,” said Datuk Haji Jamalul.

Datuk Haji Jamalul also elaborated on the successful academic achievement programmes by both Yayasan Sabah Group owned Sabah Foundation Technical College (KTYS) and University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF).

“In 2018, a total of 821 students pursued their studies at KTYS in 24 Certificate and Diploma courses. A total of 465 students successfully completed their studies and graduated on 11 October 2018,” explained Datuk Haji Jamalul.

“UCSF is currently offering a Foundation programme, 10 Diploma programmes and seven Bachelor Degree programmes to potential students. As of December 2018, a total of 587 students have been studying at UCSF and 252 students are graduating from UCSF this year,” added Datuk Haji Jamalul.

In the field of capacity building, Yayasan Sabah Group through its Pusat Kraftangan Sabah (PKS) has implemented several components of the handicraft programme which has benefited a total of 594 people throughout Sabah such as; Entrepreneurship Strengthening Programme, Handicraft Community Development Programme, Handicraft Start-Up Programme and Handicraft Training Programme at Zone Offices.

In the commercial sector, Yayasan Sabah Group records a pre-tax profit of RM126 million in 2018. Yayasan Sabah Group’s Agro Plantation Sector remains its biggest contributor, followed by its Tourism Sector besides its Oil and Gas businesses and Forestry activities.

“In the meantime, the dividends received so far from the Group’s subsidiaries for 2018 is RM77 million,” he explained.

On the global economic uncertainty, Datuk Haji Jamalul said the unpredictable global economic conditions have impacted the Yayasan Sabah Group’s 2018 fiscal earnings apart from the capricious crude palm oil prices and increased operating costs. “However, Yayasan Sabah Group will continue with its prudent spending culture to closely monitor well-planned activities, ensuring that the Group is capable of carrying its role in supplementing the efforts of both State and Federal Governments in various aspects of developments in the state,” he explained.

In his concluding remarks, he urged the staff to work hand-in-hand in ensuring Yayasan Sabah Group remains relevant in the development of the state.

“The aspiration of Yayasan Sabah Group is to continue progressing and improving its performance in order to contribute to the state’s development. With the advice and support from Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal, I am convinced, Yayasan Sabah Group will continue in achieving success and remain

pivotal in spearheading the development of the state concluded Datuk Haji Jamalul before wishing the Yayasan Sabah Group contingent the best of luck for the upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Inter Yayasan Games (PESAYA) in Langkawi, Kedah.

Yayasan Sabah Group staff and their spouses attended the dinner graced by Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie and his wife Datin Seri Panglima Hajah Shuryani binti Datuk Haji Shuaib.

At the event, 18 staff received their Excellent Service Award, five staff received their Silver Jubilee Service Award and 23 retirees received their Appreciation Award from Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie.



*Pix 1 Recipients of Excellent Service Award.*



*Pix 2 Recipients of Silver Jubilee Service Award*



*Pix 3 Recipients of Appreciation Award with Chief Minister of Sabah cum Chairman of the Yayasan Sabah Board of Trustees, Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie (8<sup>th</sup> right) and Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram bin Datuk Haji Zakaria (7<sup>th</sup> left).*



*Pix 4 Encik Clarence Estrop, a retiree receiving his Appreciation Award for services rendered from the Datuk Seri Shafie (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Datuk Haji Jamalul Kiram (3<sup>rd</sup> left).*



*Pix 5 ALL THE BEST...Yayasan Sabah Group PESAYA team receiving The Yayasan Sabah flag from Datuk Seri Panglima Shafie (5<sup>th</sup> left).*

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