

PETRON VOLUNTEERS FUEL HAPPY AND HELP NEEDY CHILDREN IN BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

KUALA LUMPUR – Preparing ahead of the back-to-school rush, Petron volunteers helped 60 underprivileged school children to prepare for their schooling needs in a **Back to School** initiative.

Students were selected from 12 participating primary schools in Seremban and Port Dickson. Each child received a generous amount of school supplies, school bags, new uniforms and shoes sponsored by Petron employees.

The **Back to School** initiative is part of the company's 'Volunteerism in Action' program carried out by Petron employees. The program was first communed last year in partnership with the Negeri Sembilan State Education Department to help underprivileged children prepare for the coming school year. Now in its second year, the collaboration reaches out to more children-inneed.

"We hope that through this initiative and employees' contribution, we can help the parents and children get most of their school necessities before school starts. Our humble initiative hopes to fuel motivation for the young students to have a great start in the year, and succeed. We believe that nation-building starts with education at young age and it has become an integral part of our social responsibility efforts," said Zaimi Harun, Head of Corporate Affairs.

During the program, Petron employees took the children around Tesco hypermarket to shop for their school necessities. Volunteers continued to host the children in Zoo Negara for a fun, delightful outing.

"We would like to thank our supporting partners, Tesco and Zoo Negara for their contributions and support to ensure the success of this CSR program. We are pleased that our employees have helped contribute and bring more cheer to these children," Zaimi Harun concluded.

"Negeri Sembilan Education Department would like to express our gratitude to all generous Petron staff who lent their hands to help students in need from the state. The activity, means a lot to the children's families as it easestheir burden to prepare for the upcoming school session. In addition, the children had an enjoyable trip to Zoo Negara with Petron employees and this will certainly bring many good memories to the children. We hope that the initiative will continue and help even more students in future," commented Pkharuddin Bin Hj. Ghazali, Deputy Director of Education, Education Department of Negeri Sembilan.

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