

## Company awards scholarships to 24 undergrads in local varsities

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Rosman (centre) with the PPB Scholarship Awards 2017 recipients.

EDUCATION is key to raising a generation of responsible youngsters who can contribute to the country's development.

In support of this, construction, property development and concession group Putrajaya Perdana Bhd (PPB) has awarded 24 students with scholarships worth a total of RM202,500, allowing them to pursue their tertiary education at public universities nationwide.

At the PPB Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2017, PPB group managing director Datuk Rosman Abdullah said the annual scholarship was open to those who had done well in their studies despite financial difficulties.

"Our scholars, who are pursuing their undergraduate studies in various construction-related disciplines, were chosen based on their Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.5 and above at local universities nationwide.

"At PPB, we are passionate and committed to helping deserving and financially challenged students gain proper education and the necessary skills that will help improve their employability.

"Upon graduation, those who did courses such as civil, mechanical and electronic engineering, as well as quality surveying, will be offered immediate placement as an employee of PPB or any of its subsidiaries," he said.

Rosman added that although the current economy was challenging, the group would not resort to cutting cost in this sector.

"Education is very important for the growth of the nation. If need be, we will cut our expenses in other sectors but not education," he said.

Sixteen of the recipients ongoing scholars while eight are new scholars.

PPB 2017 scholar Chan Yong Yeah, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, said the award would help ease his family's financial burden.

"Having lost my father to a sudden heart attack when I was in Form Five two years ago, my mother had to work extra hard and was under a lot of pressure to support me and my three siblings.

"I knew I had to study hard and get a decent job to take care of my mother in the future. Most of all, I wanted to make my father proud.

"Seeing my eldest brother, who is 23 years old, work hard and become a PPB scholar, I was inspired. I am very grateful to have received the scholarship to fulfill my dreams," said the 19-year-old from Ipoh, Perak.

Proud of the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, Chan, who scored a CGPA of 3.66 last semester, hopes to design the next iconic infrastructure to further boost Malaysia's image.

"My dad's passing made me realise the need to practice a healthy lifestyle. So, I took up badminton and play three to four times a week," Chan added.

In its 12th year, the scholarship programme has funded 105 students with the scholarships totalling RM1.5mil.

Besides that, PPB has also sponsored RM30,000 to iSina Global Media, a centre that aids financially challenged families in orang asli villages and poor settlements by educating their children to read and write.

PPB also contributed RM25,000 to underprivileged pupils at SK Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur through the Rotary Kasih project.