

DO MORE THAN DREAM AND JOIN TEACH FOR MALAYSIA 2023 FELLOWSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR: How can you "do more than dream"? Teach For Malaysia urges those passionate about quality education for the children of Malaysia to "do more" by empowering children in high-need communities through the Fellowship programme.

In line with the 12th Malaysia Plan (RMK-12), which emphasises the development of B40 and Orang Asli, Teach For Malaysia partnered with the Ministry of Education and placed 27 Fellows in 8 high-need schools at the Kuala Kangsar and Hulu Perak districts in 2022. This marked a significant milestone as this 10th Cohort of Fellows is the first to be placed in schools consisting primarily of Orang Asal communities and primary schools since they first ran the Fellowship programme in 2012.

In 2023, Teach For Malaysia aims to expand its impact and place Fellows as Teaching Partners (co-teachers) in high-need communities across underserved regions in Sarawak.

Chan Soon Seng, CEO of Teach For Malaysia, said,

"These communities typically have the highest educational needs, and the past two years have further widened the student attainment gap. Focus on equity and learning recovery is essential as children return to school. The Fellowship programme prioritises student and community empowerment strategies to reduce educational achievement gaps in numeracy, literacy, and self-leadership among B40 community students in and out of school at primary and secondary education levels."

Venessa Sambai Usek, President of Teach For Malaysia Alumni Board, said,

"I believe Teach For Malaysia will bring a significant benefit to the education landscape in Sarawak as they have over ten years of experience bringing best education practices to national schools all over Malaysia. The Fellows are selected through a rigorous process and trained by subject matter experts, allowing them to support school teachers better. Young Sarawakians passionate about serving their communities should take this opportunity to develop their leadership skills and expand their horizon through this highly recognised leadership development programme."

TFM Fellows are employed directly with Teach For Malaysia and will be placed in schools as Teaching Partners to provide additional full-time support for two years and collaborate with teachers to enhance the classroom environment for students with varying learning capabilities.

Through this programme, TFM Fellows will collaborate with existing teachers to provide in-class remediation support to address the effects of learning loss due to school disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. They will also partner and collaborate with the school and communities to learn from and implement after-school programmes and community-engagement initiatives to address the school-wide and community educational needs.

With the support of Teaching Partners, existing teachers can conduct a differentiated learning experience to help students focus on learning recovery while increasing their motivation and aspirations to continue learning.

Teach For Malaysia has empowered children in high-need communities to attain their full potential since 2012. We are committed to continuing our work in recruiting, training, and supporting more of Malaysia's top talent to serve in high-need schools so that we can give all children the opportunity to realise their potential through quality education.

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Note to editor

About Teach For Malaysia

Teach For Malaysia is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, on a mission to give all children the opportunity to realise their potential through quality education. We partner with the Ministry of Education to reach high-need public schools. It is one of the 60 partners of the prestigious global education network, Teach For All.

Since 2012, Teach For Malaysia has been building a transformational movement in our education system by placing the country's most promising leaders as full-time teachers in some of Malaysia's most high-need schools to combat education inequity through our flagship programme called the Fellowship. In 2020, we expanded our work to also train and coach in-service public school STEM teachers through the 2-year Program Duta Guru (PDG).

Teach For Malaysia is a 2022 Merdeka Award Recipient under the Education & Community Category. The Merdeka Award is Malaysia's premier award for excellence founded by PETRONAS, ExxonMobil and Shell in 2007.

Since our launch in 2012, our movement of 474 Fellows, 583 PDG teachers and Alumni has impacted over 330,285 students in 893 schools across the country.

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