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Inspiring the next generation: Selangor Princess, Corporate Leaders and Influencers experience becoming teachers during Teach For Malaysia Week

KUALA LUMPUR - Teach For Malaysia (TFM) welcomes leaders and key influencers to high-need, Orang Asli and Orang Asal classrooms across Perak, Sarawak, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur to experience a day in the life of an educator working with underserved communities. Among this year's participants include Selangor Princess Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Zatahah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, YB Datuk Francis Harden Hollis Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak, ECM Libra Group Chairman Dato' Seri Kalimullah Masheerul Hassan, actress and writer Fatimah Abu Bakar, actress Sharifah Amani, TV host and content creator Hazeman Huzir, Miss World Malaysia 2018 Larissa Ping as well as artist and indigenous rights activist Shaq Koyok.

TFM Week gathers leaders in the corporate and civil service sectors and influencers from diverse backgrounds to return to classrooms as one-day co-teachers. Each guest co-creates a lesson plan based on school subjects with a TFM Fellow, Alumni or Program Duta Guru Teacher¹, and co-delivers the lesson alongside the educators, bringing the world into the classroom.

A child's background and circumstances often determine his or her outcome in life. According to The Ministry of Education, 42% of Orang Asli students did not complete Form Five in 2021. In line with the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMKe-12), which emphasises the development of B40 and Orang Asli, TFM places Fellows as Teaching Partners (co-teachers) in schools consisting largely of Orang Asli and Orang Asal communities in Perak and Sarawak for two years.

TFM Week has been crucial in raising awareness of the importance of a collective effort in strengthening education for the next generation.

Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Ali Redhaudin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, TFM's Founding Trustee and Chairman shares, "During TFM Week, we bring leaders across different fields to school environments, allowing them to experience first-hand the challenges and opportunities faced in high-need classrooms. Even if it's only for one day, the co-teaching experience allows the leaders to embody and understand what it takes to lead a classroom and thus inspires future collaborations to improve education in Malaysia further."

Since 2012, 260 inspirational leaders, including Tan Sri Datuk Wira Azman Mokhtar, Aireen Omar, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah, Professor Datuk Jimmy Choo and Puan Sri Tiara Jacqueline have joined TFM Week. Collectively, TFM Week Participants have inspired over 7,800 students across 10 states. This is the first year that TFM Week took place in Orang Asli and Orang Asal schools.

Tengku Zatahah shares, "I'm so proud to be part of TFM Week, to experience it myself in person, to come to this school and interact with Teach For Malaysia's Alumni, work on the lesson plan, and to work with the students. They were raising their hands to volunteer and answer. I was really touched by the warm welcome from today."

Teach For Malaysia is recruiting the 12th cohort of the award-winning Leadership Development Programme - **the TFM Fellowship**, which provides a unique opportunity for Malaysians with the desire to transform education to become a full-time Teaching Partner in a high-need school for two

¹ TFM is the implementation partner of the 2-year nationwide Program Duta Guru (PDG), training and coaching in-service public school STEM teachers.

years. Fellows work closely with local communities to understand the roots of inequity and co-create community initiatives beyond the classroom to address community needs.

Tunku Ali adds, "The Fellowship focuses on fresh graduates and young professionals, exposing them to early opportunities for leadership early on in their careers. They spend two years teaching in schools, and beyond serving as academic teachers, they are required to actively participate in the communities they are part of. The Fellows benefit, the schools and students benefit, the system benefits, and ultimately the country benefits."

For more information, visit <https://teachformalaysia.org/fellowship>. Applications are open till 18th October 2023.

Appendix



From the left (10th person): Cikgu Aifa Muhammad Radzi (TFM Alumni), Tengku Zatahah, Tunku Ali, Puan Hj Rubi'ah Binti Hayat (school principal) dan Zahirah Zulkifly (Head of TFM Fellowship)

Note to editor

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. We are one of the 61 partners of the prestigious global education network Teach For All.

Since 2012, we have been building a transformational movement in the education system by placing the country's most promising graduates and young professionals as full-time teachers in some of Malaysia's most high-need schools to combat education inequity through our flagship leadership development programme called the Fellowship. In 2020, we expanded our work as the implementation partner of the 2-year nationwide Program Duta Guru (PDG), training and coaching



in-service public school STEM teachers.

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, we are a movement of 1481 TFM Fellows, Program Duta Guru teachers and Alumni have impacted 332,337 students in 946 schools nationwide.

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