

EMPOWERING TEACHERS, EMPOWERING NATION: TEACH FOR MALAYSIA CELEBRATES MALAYSIAN TEACHERS

KUALA LUMPUR - This Hari Guru, Teach For Malaysia (TFM) would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers of Malaysia for their continuous support and the role they have played in Teach For Malaysia for over 10 years. Teachers are the architects of society, and it is important to give them the support they need to ensure children have access to quality education.

Through our Fellowship programme, Fellows are placed as Teaching Partners who engage in teaching activities together with their Host Teacher (Guru Hos). Through this collaborative work, Fellows learn valuable real-life skills and teachers are given the support they need to realise their ideal teaching environment. Together, Fellows and teachers can devise creative ways to make education an engaging and fun experience for their students.

Placed in Banun, Shawn Stanly, a 2022 Fellow, an all-Orang Asli school with Cikgu Johari, a veteran educator who believes in having a holistic approach to Orang Asli children's education. With Shawn's presence in the classroom, they worked side by side to deliver experiential learning best to fit the learning style of Orang Asli students.



“Although he is someone with 24 years of teaching experience, Cikgu Jo never saw me as merely an assistant in class but rather an equal partner, always being open to my feedback and ideas during our lesson planning despite me being a new teacher. He has also guided me through in terms of teaching the curriculum and has given me space to practice my teaching methods in class as well.,” said Shawn.

“I admire how Cikgu Jo has been like a father figure to me in school. Ever since the start, he had always looked out for me wherever possible. He also shows genuine care in helping the children here in SK RPS Banun and this can be translated through his actions and initiatives throughout the two years he had been here.”

“Cikgu Jo, I hope that you will continue to inspire more and more of us young teachers out there to not only carry the title 'teacher' as a mere job but more of a calling for a greater purpose. Thank

you Cikgu untuk semuanya, sepanjang kami di Banun dan selamat berkhidmat di tempat yang baharu.”



"Teachers are the bedrock of a child's development," said Chan Soon Seng, CEO of Teach For Malaysia.

"At Teach For Malaysia, we believe in fostering a collaborative environment. Our Fellows, alongside their Guru Hos, engage in a continuous learning process, enriching each other's skills to create a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for students. This Hari Guru, we aim to highlight the need for greater support for teachers within classrooms. We want to remind everyone that teachers are more than just instructors; they are role models shaping the future of our children. We at Teach For Malaysia are committed to expanding educational opportunities for all Malaysian children, ensuring no child is left behind."

The Fellowship programme continues to evolve with the introduction of the Fellowship for Orang Asal Graduates, an indigenous-led programme designed to help Orang Asal graduates understand education inequity at a grassroots level, offering a chance for Orang Asal Fellows to lead education activities with the youth of the community, and at the same time to connect with their heritage at a deeper level. Teach For Malaysia hopes to create collective leadership in the education ecosystem with teachers as primary collaborators. From Fellows aiding teachers in classrooms, Alumni creating social impact initiatives addressing specific educational needs, and students empowered to lead their peers into taking charge of their learning and future.

Teach For Malaysia is actively recruiting for the 2025 Cohort of the TFM Fellowship. In alignment with our commitment to address education inequity in Malaysia, the programme seeks to place Fellows in high-need schools across the country. Recruitment for the Fellowship will take place from March to September 2024. Visit our Fellowship page [here](#).

Join us in creating classroom leaders who will shape tomorrow's leaders. Together, let's empower students to choose the future they envision.

Note to editor

Who we are:

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 1451 TFM Fellows, Program Duta Guru teachers and Alumni have impacted 366,395 students in 946 schools nationwide.

Learn more about our work: read our [10th Anniversary Impact Report](#)

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