



## **YB Teo Nie Ching Join Hands to Inspire Students in High Need Communities**

Teach For Malaysia Week returns, as Deputy Education Minister YB Teo Nie Ching and public figures & industry leaders join hands with high-need classrooms and communities across the country to inspire and be inspired

**29 July 2019** – For the 8th year in a row, Teach For Malaysia (TFM) welcomes a host of inspiring individuals into high need classrooms across Malaysia, all eager to experience exactly what life is like for the nation’s hardworking educators. This year’s participants – including Deputy Education Minister YB Teo Nie Ching, Jeffrey Cheah Foundation Trustee, YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr R. V. Navaratnam, Managing Director of DHL Express Malaysia and Brunei, Julian Neo, Tan Sri Datuk Zainun Ali, Board Member of PNB, Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications of Cagamas, Leong See Meng, HR Director of Hap Seng, Puan Sri Maimon and HR Director of Hartalega, Vincent Kuan, – follow in the illustrious footsteps of the likes of Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, renowned shoe designer Dato’ Jimmy Choo, AirAsia CEO Aireen Omar, entertainers Datin Seri Tiara Jacquelina, Founder and Chairman of the Sunway Group Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah and many, many more as Teach For Malaysia (TFM) Week 2019 participants.

### **What is Teach For Malaysia Week?**

TFM Week is one of TFM’s most significant annual events, where key leaders and influencers from a wide range of fields and backgrounds, including corporate figures, celebrities and members of the civil service, are invited to spend time as “teachers” by co-teaching a lesson in school with a TFM Fellow for half a day.

### **Why does it matter?**

A child’s background and circumstances often determines his or her outcome in life. According to the Malaysian Education Blueprint (2013), 1 out of 5 Malaysian children do not finish secondary school. TFM Week has been crucial in raising awareness on the importance of education in building a stronger next generation of Malaysians.

TFM Co-Founder and Managing Director Dzameer shares “For so many of our students, the realities of life get in the way of their ability to dream. The best thing our TFM Week participants can do is to show them that not only can they dream, but that they should dream big dreams. These valuable encounters will help students see that it is entirely possible to do more than dream - that with a good

education, they can actually change their own realities.”

Group Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Director of CIMB Group Holdings Berhad, Tengku Dato’ Sri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, said this about his 2018 TFM Week experience: “I think overall it was definitely an enjoyable session for me. I shared with students that it really doesn't matter what your background is. To succeed in the future, make sure you believe in yourself and couple that with a good hard-working ethic.”

Siti, a student studying in a high need school in Klang who was taught by Stephanie Caunter, Catcha Group’s Global Director, Marketing and Communications during TFM Week in 2018 said “I want to be like Ms. Stephanie; to travel all over the world for my job and have the opportunity to learn and be exposed to many things.”

Only through collective efforts with caring leaders and influencers in our communities and country, can TFM create a deep impact on education inequity. Together, we can build a better and stronger Malaysia.

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If you are interested in observing YB Teo Nie Ching’s co-teaching session on Thursday 1 August 2019, please contact Caryl Heah/ [caryl.heah@teachformalaysia.org](mailto:caryl.heah@teachformalaysia.org)

### **About Teach For Malaysia**

We are an independent, not-for-profit organisation on a mission to give all children in Malaysia the opportunity to attain an excellent education, Teach For Malaysia believes in the power of education, putting students at the center of everything we do. Children from less privileged communities do not receive the same education opportunities. This is neither right, nor fair. We want to reimagine an education approach where all students are empowered to be leaders of their own learning, their future and the future of the nation.

### **What we do**

- Build a movement of leaders to have immediate and long-term impact on high-need communities across Malaysia, during and after the 2 year Leadership Development Programme.
- TFM collaborates with partners from all sectors to co-create an ecosystem that works towards education transformation. It is only through our collective efforts that education inequity will end.

### **Our impact (as of 2019):**

413 Fellows and Alumni, in more than 157 schools, across 10 states, impacting over 111,000 students across Malaysia. For more information, please visit [www.teachformalaysia.org](http://www.teachformalaysia.org).

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