

TEACHERS FOR A DAY: INDUSTRY LEADERS INSPIRE STUDENTS ACROSS KLANG VALLEY AND SARAWAK

KUALA LUMPUR - Teach For Malaysia (TFM) Week is back with this year's theme, *Menyemai Inspirasi, Menanam Harapan* (Inspiring Dreams, Instilling Hope). The event saw 20 participants co-taught lessons in 12 schools across Sarawak and the Klang Valley.

Participants included prominent leaders such as Ahmad Shahrman Mohd Shariff (CEO of CIMB Islamic Bank and CIMB Foundation), Siti Kamariah Ahmad Subki (Managing Director of Yayasan Hasanah), and Dato' Omar Siddiq (Executive Director & CEO of HSBC Bank Malaysia), alongside other esteemed industry experts and corporate figures. They joined forces with TFM Fellows to inspire and uplift students, particularly those from marginalised communities. This collaboration underscored the importance of collective effort in transforming the nation's education landscape.

In line with TFM's mission to cultivate hope and inspiration in classrooms, TFM Week 2024 offered leaders and influencers the unique opportunity to experience first-hand the challenges of working in underserved communities. Through co-teaching sessions, they will collaborate with TFM Fellows, Alumni, and Program Duta Guru Teachers to create impactful lessons that connect real-world experiences with classroom learning.



Nini Marini, President of CITRA Malaysia.

Chan Soon Seng, Teach For Malaysia's CEO, shares, "TFM Week is a tangible reminder that education is a shared responsibility. By bringing leaders from various sectors into classrooms, we aim to bridge the gap between the real world and the learning environment, providing students with inspiration and practical knowledge that will help them dream bigger and achieve their goals."

Ahmad Shahrman Mohd Shariff (CEO of CIMB Islamic Bank and CIMB Foundation) shared his dream for the students, "My dream is for the children of Malaysia to be given an equitable opportunity to succeed. Every child has their own circumstances and unique paths, and I hope that we can provide an environment where they are able to succeed in their own way. This is how we can prove that success is not defined by where we start but by the potential we nurture."



Ahmad Shahrman Mohd Shariff, CEO of CIMB Islamic Bank and CIMB Foundation.

Similarly, Chee Mavis, a TFM Fellow from the 2024 Cohort, spoke about her teaching journey. When asked by a student why she wanted to become a teacher, she recalled her university days:

"When I was leading a team in university, I found myself teaching without even realising it. That's when I thought, 'Oh gosh! This is it—teaching is what I want to do every single day.'"

Since its inception in 2012, TFM Week has mobilised over 285 leaders, including renowned figures such as Tan Sri Datuk Wira Azman Mokhtar, Aireen Omar, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah, Professor Datuk Jimmy Choo, and Puan Sri Tiara Jacqueline. Collectively, these leaders have inspired more than 8500 students across Malaysia. This year, the focus on Sarawak and the



Klang Valley highlights TFM's ongoing commitment to reaching students in both urban and rural settings, ensuring that no child is left behind.

TFM Week 2024 also marks a significant milestone in TFM's efforts to address education inequity in Malaysia. With the involvement of leaders from diverse backgrounds, the initiative seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the barriers faced by students in high-need schools and to inspire meaningful actions that will contribute to long-term educational reform.

The Teach For Malaysia Fellowship has grown to a movement of over 531 Fellows and Alumni, impacting more than 153,450 students in over 202 schools across 11 states in Malaysia. You can invest in its mission by donating at www.teachformalaysia.org.

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. We are one of the 62 partners of the prestigious global education network, Teach For All.

Since 2012, we have been building a transformational movement in our 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, our movement of 4,377 leaders, consisting of Fellows, PDG teachers, Novice Teachers, and student leaders, has impacted over 504,835 students across the nation.

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