

**Invitation to join the Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia
Rotary Education Award Program**

Dear Club Presidents and Rotarians of D3300 and D3310

(Would appreciate Gen Secretary PP Ananda forwarding this invitation to the Club Presidents Group and PP Joseph Chua forwarding it to the D3310 Group email. Thanks PDG LT)

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Realising an opportunity of a better start, a better life

Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia together with Rotary Clubs in Malaysia are launching the Rotary Education Award Program and invite clubs to apply to participate in this wonderful program to help change the lives of children in Malaysia who are participating in the program. The program is envisaged as continuing for as long as clubs have the desire and commitment.

The inaugural program to be launched on 1 January 2013, will be piloted in the Klang Valley with one or two clubs from outside due to technical and resource reasons.

Every year, some 40,000 children leave school after Form 3. Many have aspirations, the ability and the motivation to go further but circumstances make this impossible. They drop out of the system because of financial difficulties at home and the lack of awareness of what is possible.

The Rotary Education Award is designed to address this and guide these boys and girls to make the best of opportunities. It gives financial support to ease the worries of funding school activities, books etc. It provides mentoring from responsible and successful adults to expand and develop their knowledge and skills, and it provides connection and support from others, like themselves, who are struggling to make their way in the world.

We call on Rotary clubs to embark on this fulfilling program, not only for the children involved, but also for club members, where you can make a real difference.

The Launch Plan for the Rotary Education Award

The programme is planned to be launched on 1st January 2013. At this time we are planning for 5 Rotary clubs to participate. This number may be varied to accommodate additional application.

Well before the launch date we will run an awareness seminar for members of those clubs who have been selected to participate in the Rotary Education Award.

The Programme Committee will select the participating club to join the programme that have at least 5 club members each that are prepared to champion the setting up of their Club Rotary Education Fund (REF) Committee that will administer the Rotary Education Award.

Prior to the launch date, support will be provided for training of mentors, advice to clubs in creating their own Club Rotary Education Fund (REF) as well as all the operating procedures and documentation needed to make your first Club Rotary Education Award.

If your club is interested in participating in the Rotary Education Award please submit your application using the attached form to:

PDG Dato Dr Low Teong, Chairman Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia, 165A Jalan SS2/23, 47300 Petaling Jaya Or email application to **drteong@pc.jaring.my** by **22 October 2012**

The Rotary Education Award is tried and tested by the Rotary Club of Bukit Kiara Sunrise for the last three years and we have now decided to spread this initiative as widely as possible across Malaysia.