FGV Sponsors RM2.25 Million for 15,000 Students Via “Welcome to School 2025” Initiative

GUA MUSANG, 6 February 2025 – FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) once again reaffirms its commitment to community development by sponsoring RM2.25 million for the “Welcome to School 2025” initiative, jointly organized by Yayasan FELDA for the benefit of communities under the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA).

From left: Sulong Jamil Mohamed Shariff, National Felda Head of Settlers, YB Mohd Syahbuddin Hashim, ADUN of Galas, Dato' Sri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Chairman of FELDA, Fakhrunniam Othman, Group Chief Executive Officer of FGV, YB Mohd Azmawi Fikri Abdul Ghani, ADUN of Nenggiri.

This community assistance programme aims to ease the financial strain on parents of Year 1 primary school students as they prepare for the new school year. The "Welcome to School 2025" initiative was officially launched at FELDA Perasu, Gua Musang, by Dato' Sri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Chairman of FELDA, and Encik Fakhrunniam Othman, Group Chief Executive Officer of FGV.

The event was also graced by the presence of YB Mohd Azmawi Fikri Abdul Ghani, the State Assemblyman (ADUN) of Nenggiri, and YB Mohd Syahbuddin Hashim, ADUN of Galas, along with senior management from FELDA, FGV, and representatives from local communities.

The RM2.25 million sponsorship from FGV will benefit 15,000 Year 1 students, especially the children of FELDA settlers nationwide. The funds will be used to provide essential school supplies, including school uniforms, stationery sets, school bags, socks, and school shoes, ensuring that these students are well equipped for the start of their 2025 academic journey.

The "Welcome to School 2025" initiative today kicked off with the sponsorhip presentation to 555 Year 1 students from the Gua Musang region. The distribution of contributions to other regions such as Terengganu, Trolak, Jengka, Mempaga, Raja Alias, Kuantan, Segamat, Johor Bahru, Sahabat, and Alor Setar will be carried out in phases and is expected to be completed by 15 February 2025, in collaboration with local community representatives.

FGV's continued involvement in the "Welcome to School" programme builds on the success of last year's initiative, which saw RM2.17 million in sponsorship benefiting 14,500 students across Malaysia.

"As a responsible and caring corporate entity, FGV understands the crucial role that education plays in shaping the future of our nation's youth, especially children in rural communities. Through our collaboration with FELDA, we are taking a proactive approach in ensuring that these children may begin their educational journey well-equipped, with necessary school essentials," said Fakhrunniam.

Beyond this initiative, FGV continues to extend its support under its main corporate social responsibility (CSR) campaign, "FGV Seikhlas Hati." In 2024, FGV allocated approximately RM10.3 million for CSR initiatives focused on poverty eradication in both urban and rural areas, as well as addressing the issue of school attrition.

Among these initiatives are contributions to mosques and schools in collaboration with state religious councils and zakat centres. FGV also partnered with Yayasan Didik Negara to distribute digital textbooks, and worked with Yayasan FELDA to offer digital and vocational courses to post-SPM students.

“Assistance programmes like this are vital tools in bridging the economic gaps and fostering community development, in line with FGV’s Sustainability Framework. We at FGV recognise the challenges faced by those in need, and we are committed to share our blessings, particularly with communities where we operate,” added Fakhrunniam.

The “Welcome to School 2025” programme further strengthens FGV’s relationship with FELDA and continues to support efforts to improve the economic well-being of smallholders. These smallholders form the backbone of FGV’s operations, contributing 70 percent of its fresh fruit bunches (FFB).

With a global business presence and a diversified portfolio, FGV remains committed to delivering value to its shareholders through responsible and sustainable business practices. FGV is focused on community engagement, support for smallholders, and contributing to Malaysia’s economic growth.

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