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92 STUDENTS RECEIVES SUPPORT UNDER BRUNEI SHELL PETROLEUM'S LEARNING & EXCELLENT STUDENTS SCHEME

92 students from various secondary schools and higher learning institutions all over Brunei were awarded a special bursary under Brunei Shell Petroleum's Learning & Excellent Students Scheme or BLESS.

Under this scheme, BSP will provide monthly financial support to Brunei's bright young students from Year 9 up until their graduation.

An event to hand over the bursary to the students was held yesterday at the Indera Kayangan Hall, Empire Hotel in Jerudong.

Present was the Guest of Honour, Acting Minister of Education, Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Hj Yusoff Hj Ismail who presented the certificates to the recipients.

Also present was the Managing Director of BSP, Mr Ken Marnoch as well as senior officials from the Ministry of Education, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and Institute Teknologi Brunei (ITB).

The scheme is one of the various initiatives led by the company in close partnership with the Ministry of Education as a testament to its continuous support of Brunei Darussalam's sustainable development.

BLESS is part of BSP's social investment programme with a long term goal to enhance local human resources capabilities in line with Brunei Darussalam's Vision 2035. It aims to prepare the nation's youth for employment taking into consideration the requirements of the changing and increasingly competitive economy.

Educational programmes have always been the major thrust of BSP's social investment activity, encompassing Science, Mathematics and technical subjects, including safety and environment.

Students can apply for this bursary whose objectives includes to support students who excels academically in Science and Maths and also those who are facing financial difficulties which could stop them from continuing their education.

For 2012-2013 BLESS, BSP will be sponsoring 92 students from all the Brunei districts who are currently studying in secondary schools, technical and higher learning institutions.

44 of these students are from secondary schools, 33 from technical institutions, 7 from UBD and another 8 from ITB.

Those selected will get a monthly monetary assistance from BSP to cover school, tuition fees and school materials.

Among the strict criteria to ensure their eligibility in BLESS is that the students must maintain an average marks of at least 75 per cent in the Maths and Science subjects while those in University or higher institution, a 75 per cent mark of their overall courses.

They must have an impeccable record in school and a 90 per cent attendance record.

A selection committee comprises of officials from BSP and Ministry of Education has been set up to ensure these criteria are met.

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