

## **BIBD SUPPORT ALAF STUDENTS' PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING EXAMS**

### **For Immediate Release**

Oct 14, 2016 - BIBD today held Hajat prayers and a motivational talk for twenty-nine BIBD ALAF (Advocating Life-Long Learning for an Aspiring Future) students sitting for their upcoming Primary School Assessment (PSR), 'O' Level, and 'A' Level exams.

The events were held at the Multi Purpose Hall of the PGGMB building in the capital. Among the attendees were the guest of honor, Hjh Noraini binti Hj Sulaiman, BIBD's Deputy Managing Director along with BIBD personnel, ALAF students and their respective parents and teachers.

The event started off with a Hajat prayer followed by recital of Yaasin and prayers for the ALAF students' upcoming exams. The event continued with a motivational talk conducted by Ustaz Isham bin Ismail of the Pusat Da'awah Islamiah, to boost their motivation and self-belief, and to always strive to achieve the best.

The ALAF programme, launched in May 2013 by Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah, was developed in close partnership with the Department of Schools, Ministry of Education, and in 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding was also signed with the Islamic Studies Department from the Ministry of Religious Affairs. This will lead to constant efforts and close collaboration between all parties to ensure the successful implementation and provision of assistance to the ALAF programme.

The ALAF programme provides selected students with provisions for school and tuition fees, educational materials and welfare, as well as mentoring and counseling necessities amongst others. All these efforts are meant to ensure the absolute commitment of these students towards the development of their education, and prevent them from being bothered by other commitments. The ALAF programme will also continue to provide support and assistance to these students until the end of their respective educational requirements.

Funds collected to facilitate the programme are sourced from different channels such as the BIBD charity expeditions for ALAF, generous contributions from corporate agencies as well as the general public.

Members of the public wishing to contribute into the BIBD ALAF fund may do so with a minimum donation of B\$1.01 into the BIBD ALAF account at 1018181811 via BIBD channels such as the BIBD Online website, BIBD Mobile app, BIBD ATM and CDMs, and BIBD branch counters. The public can also set up a BIBD Standing Instruction to ensure a monthly donation into the ALAF fund.

As an added option, BIBD account holders can also use their accumulated BIBD Hadiah Points for cash conversion into contributions into the ALAF fund account.

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