

BIBD ALAF COMES TO THE AID OF FIRE VICTIMS UNDER ITS WINGS

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September 8th, 2017 - As part of BIBD's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, BIBD today contributed more than two thousand Brunei Dollars along with basic daily essentials collected for a student from its ALAF Programme whose residence was destroyed in a fire recently. Also affected was the student's family of seven.

Ahmad Nazmie bin Hj Omar, Head of BIBD's CSR initiative commented on the donation, "Our hearts go out to our own ALAF student, whose family lost everything to the fire. At the same time, on behalf of BIBD, we wish to convey our sincerest gratitude to everyone involved for their contributions. We will always strive to take care of our community. BIBD hopes that through collective efforts such as these, it not only brings our community even closer, but also reduces any burdens faced by our community, In sha Allah."

The donation campaign was organised by BIBD in its drive and commitment to support and contribute to the welfare of its students. All these efforts are meant to ensure the absolute commitment of the ALAF programme towards the development of its students in the accomplishment of their education. The contributed items were collected and distributed by the BIBD ALAF team with the collaboration of the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).

About The ALAF Programme

The BIBD ALAF (Advocating Life-Long Learning for An Aspiring Future) programme currently supports the development of more than one hundred and forty students. The programme is kept sustainable by collaborated efforts from both public and private efforts which include BIBD's own charity expeditions for ALAF, generous contributions from corporate agencies as well as the general public.

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 the selected students with provisions for school and tuition fees, educational materials and welfare, as well as mentoring and counselling 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.

Through the ALAF Programme, BIBD hopes to align its support to His Majesty's 2035 vision of obtaining a 100% level of education for everyone, directly having an impact on reducing poverty. In Shaa Allah, this will lead Brunei towards a more prosperous and peaceful future, making Brunei populated with educated, highly skilful and successful individuals, in line with internationally set standards.

How can the public support the ALAF Programme

Members of the public wishing to contribute into the BIBD ALAF Programme 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 Hadiyah Points for cash conversion into contributions into the ALAF fund account.

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