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PORT KLANG: A total of 100 students from the *asnaf* and B40 groups at Block C in Pangsapuri Seri Perantau were delighted to receive school supplies under Tenaga Nasional Berhad's (TNB) *Ceria ke Sekolah* (CKS) 2026 programme.

TNB regulatory and stakeholder management chief Datuk Shamsul Ahmad said the RM10,000 corporate social responsibility initiative aimed to ease the financial burden of parents ahead of the new school term, which begins in about two weeks.

"This programme is more than just handing out aid. It reflects TNB's commitment to social

development, education and the wellbeing of underprivileged communities.

"We believe education is the most valuable social investment as children who start school fully equipped gain confidence and motivation to learn," he said during the handover ceremony on Thursday.

State Housing and Culture Committee chairman Datuk Borhan Aman Shah was also present.

Shamsul said TNB, as a national utility company, goes beyond supplying reliable electricity and actively supports national development through continued

emphasis on education and human capital growth.

He added that since 2013, the CKS programme has benefitted over 86,000 families with funding exceeding RM13.7 million, adding that in 2026, TNB aims to assist over 10,000 B40 students nationwide through the initiative.

"TNB is pleased to support residents of Block C in Pangsapuri Seri Perantau who were affected by an electrical distribution board room fire in early December," he said.

Meanwhile, Nurul Fatin Anuwar, 31, whose children received aid at the event, welcomed TNB's efforts,

saying the assistance helped ease the burden of parents still dealing with the aftermath of the fire.

"Since the fire early last month, I have been staying with my in-laws in Banting. I work in Klang and need to send my children to a childcare centre, so the daily travel costs have put a real strain on our finances.

"The aid for my two children in Year 1 and Year 2 not only eases the burden on my husband and me, but also allows many parents to breathe easier as it helps us buy new school uniforms," she said.

Homemaker Samsiah Mohamad, 49, also expressed her gratitude, saying the assistance would help

her child, who is sitting for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examination this year, to purchase school essentials such as reference books.

"My husband and I are unemployed, so this aid is helpful. It is not about the amount, but it certainly lightens the load for us as we depend entirely on our two working children."

On Dec 7, the electrical distribution board room at Block C in Pangsapuri Seri Perantau caught fire due to poor maintenance, damaging the building's wiring system and affecting about 600 residents from 128 units.

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