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My Brighter Future sponsorship helps students pursue their dreams amid financial struggles

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ENGINEERING student Ahmad Shadzari Ikhsan Abdul Rahman, 21, can now focus on his studies with ease, thanks to the Yayasan Tenaga Nasional (YTN) My Brighter Future (MyBF) Sponsorship, which is helping him turn his dreams into reality.

Ahmad Shadzari is one of 150 students awarded YTN sponsorships last month during the YTN Awards Ceremony.

In his speech at the event, Tenaga Nasional Berhad chairman Tan Sri Abdul Razak Majid said YTN's commitment to providing educational sponsorship programmes aligned with TNB's focus on achieving corporate excellence while contributing to community development.

This, he said, was consistent with the company's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives.

"TNB, through YTN, remains attentive to the needs of the people by offering educational opportunities to underprivileged children.

"I take pride in YTN's dedication, where, since its establishment over 30 years ago, YTN has sponsored 20,700 students with over RM1.8 billion allocated for education and general YTN



Sponsorship recipients Gaayathri Letchumanan, Nur Maidathul Aqlia Mat Zaki and Sue Lyn Anak Nyambong.

sponsorship supports student academic success welfare.

"Through sponsorship programmes like these, human capital potential can be nurtured, ultimately contributing to the improvement of the people's standard of living," he added.

The sponsorships were divided into three categories: TNB Prime Scholarship (50 beneficiaries), TNB Shine Sponsorship (50 beneficiaries), and MyBF Sponsorship (50 beneficiaries).

For 2024, as of December, YTN supported 1,582 students with a total investment of RM42.6 million.

Abdul Razak added that the sponsorship initiatives aligned with YTN's role in developing new, skilled talents to support the government in realising the aspiration of Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR).

The event also marked the launch of the YTN Public Fundraising Cam-

paign initiative, comprising the MyCare Smart and MyBF Junior programmes, which aim to raise educational funds for Malaysians in need.

"This initiative was established to ensure that all levels of society can enjoy sustainable educational opportunities, enabling the next generation to emerge as leaders in line with the aspirations of the YTN Prime Student Development Programme," he said.

At an earlier interview, Ahmad Shadzari said the sponsorship was a blessing for him and a source of motivation to complete his degree at Universiti Malaysia Perlis.

The aspiring electronics engineer from Perlis said he would strive to study diligently and uphold the good name of YTN.

"I have 10 family members, including my parents. My father is a gas truck driver with a low income, while my mother is a housewife. I need the MyBF sponsorship from YTN to cover my tuition fees and living expenses throughout my studies.

"With this scholarship, I can use the financial assistance to purchase essential items and equipment for my studies, such as electronic components, personal tools, and other necessities.

"This support is invaluable in allowing me to focus on my studies without worrying about financial difficulties, while also helping to lessen the burden on my parents to cover the costs of tuition and living expenses," he said.

He also hoped that the initiative would continue to provide opportunities to



Priety Kaur Jessy receiving her scholarship during the awards ceremony last month.

other future degree students and serve as a source of encouragement for them to study hard.

Another MyBF scholarship recipient, Muhammad Danif Rosli, said the sponsorship would help him fully concentrate on his classes as he would not need to take on a part-time job to fund his studies.

The electrical engineering student at Universiti Malaysia Perlis hoped to contribute to society through community service programmes where he could share his knowledge and experience in the future.

"In the future, I see myself contributing to society and the nation through the application of the knowledge and skills I acquired during my studies, made possible by YTN's sponsorship.

"This scholarship provides me with the opportunity to pursue higher education and enables me to grow into a knowledgeable and skilled individual in my chosen field.

"With a better education, I hope to make a positive impact on society and the nation in sectors that align with the country's current needs," he said.

Meanwhile, Avril Abygail Victor, 21, a student at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, said the sponsorship would help her achieve her dream of becoming an engineer and transforming her family's life.

The eldest of three siblings from Sarawak said she was initially hesitant to pursue her studies because her father was suffering from chronic pain following a stroke in 2018.

FACTBOX

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"With the help of the YTN scholarship, I feel very happy and grateful to be able to continue my studies to the bachelor's level and to ease my father's burden a little.

"My father had an accident and a stroke. While it wasn't life-threatening, he continues to feel severe pain on the left side of his body to this day.

"This made me feel sad about accepting the offer to continue my studies. But with the help of this bursary, I feel incredibly grateful as it has allowed me to pursue my education at the university level," she said.



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