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TAMPARULI: The State Government is committed to ensuring that no children in Sabah, particularly those from the B40 group, are left behind in accessing educational opportunities.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor said in the previous Sabah Maju Jaya 1.0 development plan, various initiatives have been implemented, including school assistance and scholarships to support the learning process and narrow the education gap.

"These various educational assistance initiatives will be continued under the Sabah Maju Jaya 2.0 development plan," he said at the presentation of spectacles to school children from Sabah Electricity as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at SK Tamparuli here on Sunday.

His speech was delivered by Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister Datuk Joniston Bangkuai.

"In this regard, I would like to emphasise that all State government-linked companies (GLCs) must play a more active role in assisting those in need, especially the B40 group.

"Contributing to society



Joniston together with Tenaga Nasional Berhad Chairman Tan Sri Abdul Razak Abdul Majid (second left) and Sabah Electricity Chairperson Saadiah Aziz (left) helping out a pupil select the right spectacle.

is not merely an option, but an obligation in line with the mandate of the establishment of GLCs themselves.

"I want every GLC to continue implementing corporate social responsibility programmes that are high-impact, focused and sustainable, particularly in empowering education, welfare and the development of human capital for the people of Sabah," he said.

In addition, Hajiji said every initiative implemented will be monitored in a transparent and systematic manner, with

periodic reports submitted to the State Government to ensure the effectiveness and accountability of the programmes.

"A holistic approach that balances operational performance, financial sustainability and social responsibility is in line with the State Government's aspirations under the Sabah Maju Jaya 2.0," he said.

The Chief Minister advised the recipients of the CSR to make the contribution as a motivation for them to continue striving and to remain focused in their studies.