

# RM1.5m boost for TAR students' fund

THE TAR College recently received a boost when Public Bank Berhad chairman Tan Sri Dr Teh Hong Piow donated RM1.5 million to establish the TARC-Tan Sri Dr Teh Hong Piow Student Loan Fund, thus reaffirming the bank's corporate social responsibility (CSR) commitment in higher education.

It was the largest sum pledged to the college's student loan fund to date. A simple cheque presentation ceremony was held in Wisma MCA on Dec 4 to mark the occasion.

The ceremony was witnessed by Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, who is also college council chairman.

"This is a historic day for the college as the donation will go a long way in helping more students who are currently facing financial difficulties," said Ong.

A month earlier, alumni from the college also organised a series of fund-raising events with the same intention of raising money for the student loan fund. On Nov 10, the Federation of TAR College Alumni Association brought together almost 1,000 former college students

for a dinner at the college's main campus in conjunction with the celebration of the TAR College 38th anniversary.

Ong, an alumnus himself, commended the tremendous efforts and support given by everyone and was happy to see so many other alumni returning to their alma mater to renew friendships and help to raise funds.

At the end of the dinner, the alumni managed to raise RM300,000.

More good news was in store as there were two other fund-raising efforts undertaken by Canon Marketing (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd in conjunction with the company's 20th anniversary in Malaysia.

Datuk Lee Hwa Beng, state assemblyman for Subang Jaya and chairman of the organising committee for the golf tournament, together with Canon Marketing president and chief executive officer Lew Sip Chon, both alumnus of the college, hoped that the funds collected would benefit many more generations of students pursuing their tertiary education in the college.

Guest-of-Honour, Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn, member of the TAR College Council,

praised the participants for coming together for a good cause and he was positive that with the contributions of everyone, the event will achieve the targeted amount of RM500,000 for the TAR College Student Loan Fund.

To date, more than RM16 million has already been disbursed, benefiting close to 10,000 students. With the recent generous donations, more needy and deserving students will now be able to receive interest-free loans and realise their dreams of completing their tertiary education.

For more information, visit the college during its Open Day from March 7 to 23 (inclusive of public holidays and Sundays), between 9am and 5pm, at all its campuses.

Application forms for the May intake are available at all campuses as well as online. For details, call 03-41450100 (Kuala Lumpur main campus), 04-8995230 (Penang branch campus), 05-4660388 (Perak branch campus), 07-9270801 (Johor branch campus), 09-2314185 (Pahang branch campus), and 088-718482 (Sabah branch campus), or visit the college website at [www.tarc.edu.my](http://www.tarc.edu.my)



Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn (centre), Datuk Lee Hwa Beng (third from right) and Lew Sip Chon (third from left) with the mock cheques presented to college principal Yoong recently.