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RHB SETS UP FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Putrajaya – The RHB Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) has embarked on a journey to equip selected schools in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor with infrastructural facilities that would aid special needs students in these schools. Today's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MOE for the Mesra OKU Project under the RHB Foundation, saw 505 students with special needs from five integrated schools benefiting from the Foundation's initiative. The initiative under the RHB Foundation is part of RHB Banking Group's Corporate Responsibility (CR) initiative.

The five schools involved are Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Indah, Kuala Lumpur; Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Desa Perdana, Kuala Lumpur; Sekolah Menengah Pendidikan Khas Vokasional, Shah Alam; Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Rimau, Shah Alam; and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Taman Desa 2, Rawang.

"The Mesra OKU Project's objective is to provide facilities that would ease movement of students with special needs, and create a safe and conducive learning environment for these children. We hope the facilities that we have put in place will encourage more parents to send their children with special needs to schools," said Dato' Khairussaleh Ramli, Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group.

"This year, RHB Foundation will focus on developing children with autism and ensuring that they have access to the facilities and skills needed for them to be independent and functional in society," added Dato' Khairussaleh.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said, "The partnership formed under this MOU between MOE and RHB today is in alignment with the Educational Development Plan 2013-2025. In terms of infrastructure, MOE aims to upgrade the facilities for the disabled by 2020. I hope this initiative will drive the nation's mission to transform the educational landscape to provide access and equity in education for Special Needs students."

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