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RHB HELPS UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Bangi, Selangor – RHB Foundation, the Corporate Responsibility arm of RHB Banking Group, is paving the way to help children and youth from underprivileged families to achieve academic excellence through its RHB X-Cel Programme. The Programme is aimed at providing these students the opportunity to excel academically and to have greater access to quality education as well as opportunity to gain entry into institutions of higher learning.

Speaking at the Award ceremony celebration of the Top Achievers, Dato' Khairussaleh Ramli, Chairman of RHB Foundation and Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group said, "We are proud of the achievements of our RHB X-Cel students in the recent Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examinations. They have overcome tremendous challenges to achieve remarkable results in their SPM examinations. All 389 Form 5 students participated in the X-Cel Programme passed their examinations, with 36 students or 10% scoring 7As and above. We are indeed very pleased with these achievements considering that the Programme had only started in July 2018. The four-month intensive tuition classes and the Readiness Workshop that the students went through proved to be effective. We hope with their outstanding achievements they will be able to have greater opportunity to be accepted into institutions of higher learning and also to obtain scholarships from Universities / Colleges, corporate organisations as well as government bodies".

Dato' Khairussaleh added that RHB Foundation is committed towards ensuring that high potential students and youths from the underprivileged families are given equal opportunity to excel academically and be able to contribute to the society, community and their families' socio-economic well-being.

"We would like to commend RHB for taking the lead in promoting quality education and reducing inequalities, particularly amongst the disadvantaged communities especially students from the low income families, in achieving their academic and life goals. We see this type of collaboration as creating opportunities for young people to become productive adults with brighter futures so that they may break the cycle of poverty within many of our communities" said YB Puan Teo Nie Ching, Deputy Minister of Education.

RHB Foundation will also be granting Scholarships to 40 high performing students from the underprivileged families selected from the RHB X-Cel Programme over the next four years, to enable them to further their studies at local institutions of higher learning in courses relevant to the current market requirements.

Top SPM students as well as best performing schools and teachers participating in the RHB X-Cel programme received awards for their achievements at the “Celebrating 2018 Top Achievers” prize giving ceremony attended by YB Puan Teo Nie Ching. Out of the 17 participating schools, SMK Air Panas emerged as the Best Performing School, while SMK Majakir, Papar and SMK Panglima Gantang came in second and third place respectively.

A total of 805 students from 17 schools were enrolled under the RHB X-Cel programme of which 389 students were Form 5 Students and had sat for their SPM examinations last year. 99 (25%) of these students had achieved 3As and above in eight subjects under the programme. 36 (10%) of them achieved 7As and above of which 9 of them scored 5As in all subjects offered under the programme. The subjects being offered are Bahasa Melayu, English and Mathematics as core subjects and Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Science or Principles of Accounting being elective subjects.

The RHB X-Cel programme aims to reach out to 1,000 Form 4 and Form 5 students each year from selected schools across Malaysia. In addition to tuition classes, the Programme provides other activities such as seminars and workshops to prepare students for their examinations as well as options available upon completion of their secondary education.

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