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OCBC AL-AMIN CHEERS UP SPECIAL KIDS

Bank staff serve up "bagful" of surprises for students of special education schools

Kuala Lumpur, 19 July 2012 – Special students of Sekolah Kebangsaan Taman Seri Gombak 2 and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Wangsa Maju Section 5 received a batch of unexpected guests recently when OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad Director & CEO, Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik along with his staff paid them a visit.

In addition to interacting with the kids, the team from OCBC Al-Amin distributed new school bags to the children and donated RM2,000 to each of the schools. The funds came directly from the pockets of the staff.

The children were also entertained by a clown and a magician.

The schools, built under the government's *Special Education Programs Integration* initiative, are educational facilities for students with special needs or disabilities. The students include those who have physical impairments, learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders and disruption of communication.

Commenting on the visit Syed Abdull Aziz said he was both charmed by the many happy faces and the impressive degree of fortitude shown by the children.

"This is our first visit to special schools, having previously visited children at paediatric wards.

"We were very much moved by the will of the kids at the two schools we visited. Although disabled, they demonstrated a strong spirit to succeed just like other able-bodied students. We were informed by the school's management that several achieved outstanding success both academically and in sports. This is such good news," he said.

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A clown entertaining the kids of Sekolah Kebangsaan Taman Seri Gombak 2



The kids were all smiles when OCBC AI-Amin staff visited them



OCBC Al-Amin staff together with students and teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Taman Seri Gombak 2