

## OCBC STAFF TRADE BANKER'S SUITS FOR CONSTRUCTION GEAR TO BUILD COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR BENTONG FOLK

Pahang, 3 December 2013 – Approximately 100 OCBC Bank staff from both Malaysia and Singapore recently made their way to Bentong, some 70 kilometres from the hustle and bustle of Kuala Lumpur to help build community facilities for the locals.

Led by senior management staff including Mr Lim Kiang Tong, Head of Group Operations & Technology, and Mr Lim Yau Seong, Head of Operations and Technology (Malaysia), the bankers were all geared up for their annual community development initiative, this time in Bentong in collaboration with Raleigh International Kuala Lumpur (RIKL).



Now that's teamwork: OCBC Bank staff coordinate among themselves to pass up the line.

The volunteers contributed their labour by laying the foundation for three volunteer dormitories, constructing a tyre retaining wall along the stream to prevent soil erosion, planting fruit trees along the rocky hill side, and recycling used workbooks for the children's learning.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr Lim Yau Seong said OCBC Bank was pleased to be part of the project aimed at enriching the lives of those at Bentong OA Academy.

“Our team spent three days assisting the community here in their quest for better facilities. Bentong is a serene town and we decided to work with RIKL to help Bentong OA Academy, a boarding school founded in 2010 by Mr & Mrs Koh, a retired couple, to provide free basic education to underprivileged children. So we armed ourselves with building tools and got down to the job.

“We are grateful to have helped make their wish come through by helping to set up these amenities,” he said.

The cost of the entire exercise, borne fully by the Bank, was more than RM100,000.

Commenting on the building exercise, Mr Lim said the three days saw the group working closely together as a team as they immersed themselves in an activity unfamiliar to most bankers.

“Most of us have experienced house-building projects through our annual OCBC Operations & Technology community development activities in other locations such as Bandung in Indonesia, Kota Bharu, Sepang and in Pos Slim last year. But we still dare not say we are old hats at this. Constructing the tires retaining wall posed a major challenge



Mr Lim Yau Seong, Head of Operations, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (extreme right) and Mr Lim Khiang Tong, Head of Group Operations & Technology OCBC Ltd (second from right) along with Mr and Mrs Koh of Bentong OA Academy

to most of us and we still have a lot to learn. And that includes the finer points of collaboration, teamwork and bearing through the heat and rain at the building site. But, at the end of the day, it was all worthwhile and we dare say we had fun,” he said.

OCBC Bank staff also donated school bags, stationeries, colour pencils, and water bottles to the students of Bentong OA Academy.

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