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OCBC BANK AND LIONS CLUB LINK ARMS TO REBUILD FLOOD-STRICKEN SJK (C) YUK CHAI, KUALA KRAI

Kota Bharu, 3 June 2015 – When floods devastated Kuala Krai late last year, one of the worst-hit schools was SJK (C) Yuk Chai, which suffered severe damage. The stage of the outdoor school hall was one of the facilities that needed major repair. OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad, which has been part of the Kelantan community since 1925, was quick to link arms with the Lions Clubs of Kota Budaya and Kuala Krai to see to the needful for the school.

Today, not just the 368 students of the school but the entire community that uses the school hall for weddings and cultural festivals can breathe a sigh of relief thanks to the efforts to get the school back on its feet. Through a RM20,000 contribution by the Bank and the rebuilding efforts of the two Lions Clubs, the school's facilities are now as good as new.

The repair works, helmed by the Lions Clubs, were carried out over the last two months. Lions Club President Mr Charles Yeap, who is a contractor and developer himself, got directly involved in providing professional advice, supported by the local Kuala Krai Lions Club members.



Mr Ong Eng Bin (left) officially handing over an icon to Ms Loo Ai Ching (right) to signify the completion of the refurbishment of the outdoor school hall stage of SJK (C)Yuk Chai. Looking on in the centre is Mr Charles Yeap

Speaking at a brief ceremony to mark the completion of the rebuilding effort, the school's Principal Ms Loo Ai Ching thanked both OCBC Bank and the Lions Club for being true community partners by coming to the school's aid when they needed it most.

"The stage of the school hall is central to so much that we do in the school – it is the centre of our assemblies, the platform for our drama and speech presentations and the centrepiece of many external events such as weddings and annual festivals. Its restoration marks the return of a central piece of our physical set up," she said.

Speaking on behalf of the Bank, Chief Executive Officer Mr Ong Eng Bin said this was the least a community partner could do for an education institution that has long served its constituents.

"As a Bank, we have been in Kelantan for over 90 years. So anything affecting this community necessarily involves us. We are indeed pleased to have contributed in this small way toward the rebuilding of SJK (C) Yuk Chai," he said.

Also present at the event was OCBC Bank Kota Bharu branch Senior Manager Mr Ong Pang Ming.

Speaking for the Lions Club, President Charles Yeap said the rebuilding effort was just one of the many initiatives the Lions Clubs have undertaken for the local communities since the early stages of the flood. These efforts included the distribution of food and provision of temporary cabin shelter to those who had been displaced.



Commemorating the refurbishment of the stage of the badly-damaged SJK (C) Yuk Chai: (L-R) Mr Charles Yeap, Mr Ong Eng Bin, Ms Loo Ai Ching and Ms Wan Siew Leng

In February this year, OCBC Bank had also linked arms with national cyclist Loh Sea Keong to raise funds for SJK (C) Yuk Chai, contributing RM10,000 to the effort that finally raised over RM70,000 toward rebuilding efforts for the cyclist's former alma mater.

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