

OCBC STAFF BUILD HOMES FOR ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY IN DENGKIL

Dengkil, 21 November 2016 – More than a hundred staff of OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad's business banking division recently made their way to Kampung Orang Asal, Bukit Dugang in Dengkil, some 40 kilometres from the city, to help build two homes for the locals.

Led by senior management staff Mr Jeffrey Teoh, Head of Corporate & Commercial Banking and Mr Wong Chee Seng, Head of Emerging Business, the bankers exchanged their suits for construction gear to apply the finishing touches to the community development initiative undertaken in collaboration with Pertubuhan Bantuan Teknikal Insaf Malaysia (INSAF).



Mr Jeffrey Teoh, OCBC Bank's Head of Corporate & Commercial Banking (top left) hard at work with his staff as they go about completing one of the two homes

The fruit of their labour was two spanking new 18 by 27-foot homes made entirely from natural materials, replacing the huts the 12 family members used to live in.

The volunteers helped by installing the wood walls, hammering and painting away in their effort to build the homes. To top it off, the staff volunteers organised a *gotong-royong* session to clean up the compound and spread some further cheer among the children through a mini sports day carnival.



Staff of OCBC Bank's Business Banking division and INSAF in front of one of the newly-built homes. In the foreground centre (holding the banner) is Mr Jeffrey Teoh, OCBC Bank's Head of Corporate & Commercial Banking

OCBC Bank also partnered with St John Ambulance Malaysia to provide free medical check-ups for the community through a mobile clinic.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr Teoh said he was pleased not just to see the outcome of his staff's hard labour and the broad smiles on the faces of the community folks but also the teamwork and collaborative spirit demonstrated throughout the journey toward getting the project completed.

"Today, we roughed it out and became builders, and it was a great experience. But more than this, it was all about the journey here. Along the way, our staff pooled their resources – time, effort and money – to come up with more than RM50,000 in funds by organising food fairs and through straight donations. It is good to see the effort culminating in the completion of the homes today, which we hope will serve the community here for many years to come. The gratitude shown to us by the local community has been humbling to say the least," he said.

Mr Wong added that the idea to build the homes came from a desire to bring longer-term improvements to the families who were living in unfavourable conditions and to help them grow and live wholesomely.

“The resolve to make the project come to fruition saw the group working as a tightly-knit unit as they immersed themselves in an activity unfamiliar to most bankers.

“Most of us do not have any experience painting let alone constructing a building. What we achieved here as a team is good and we hope to apply it to our day-to-day business engagements as well. We hope the community will be enriched by our simple gesture,” he said.

OCBC Bank staff also donated clothes and provided special prizes for the children during the sports carnival.

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