

# Gas Malaysia's 'Back to School' programme aids B40 students

The programme aims to alleviate the financial strain of 350 underprivileged students from SMK Bandar Baru Batang Kali

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GAS Malaysia Bhd organised a "Back to School" programme on Feb 2 to alleviate the financial strain of 350 underprivileged students from SMK Bandar Baru Batang Kali in preparation for the new academic term.

School principal Hanishah Mohd was grateful that her school was selected, noting that it comprises 1,686 students, with 81% of them under the bottom 40% (B40) category.

Gas Malaysia Group CEO Hashimi Abdul Manap said the school was selected through Yayasan Pelajaran Mara (YPM) and it portrays the



Hashimi (centre) posing with teachers, representatives and students of SMK Bandar Baru Batang Kali

company's dedication to help the communities they serve as well as empowering future generations.

"This initiative aims to instil enthusiasm in students as they approach today's learning chal-

lenges and we firmly believe that every child deserves access to quality education, regardless of their socio-economic status.

"This community outreach initiative aimed to improve students'

living conditions by providing essential school supplies for the 2024 academic term, such as uniforms, shoes, bags, headscarves and scientific calculators," he said during the handover ceremony.

The company's dedication to corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives highlights its strong belief in the transformative potential of education, which closely aligns with one of its CSR pillars, namely education.

The group acknowledges education as a pivotal driver for societal advancement and remains steadfast in its commitment to generating a beneficial social influence and nurturing sustainable growth, particularly in the areas where it operates.

Hashimi also remarked that actively participating in the initiatives that uplift communities will reaffirm their position as the employer of choice, inspiring its employees to feel valued and empowered to make a positive difference not only within the company but also in the communities they serve.

As of 2023, Gas Malaysia has installed 2,800km of natural gas pipelines serving the commercial sector, including restaurants and the rubber industry, across the Klang Valley region.