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and JCI
presenting
a projector
to SJK(C)
Tai Tong
Sandakan.**



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SANDAKAN: More than 4,000 students from 11 schools in Sandakan have access to a more conducive learning environment.

OCBC Bank (OCBC Bank) contributed RM20,000 to purchase smart TVs, air conditioners, projectors, notice boards and tables.

The effort, part of the Share Your Love 4.0 flagship project carried out in collaboration with Junior Chamber International Sandakan (Malaysia) (JCI Sandakan), culminated with the handing over of the items to the schools. The 11 schools are SJK (C) Yuk Choi, Tadika Yuk Choi, Tadika Hua Yu, SJK (C) Pei Ying, Tadika Pei Ying, Tadika Pei Wha, SJK (C) Ming Chung, Tadika Ming Chung, SJK (C) Tai Tong, SM St. Michael and SMK Batu Sapi.

Organising Chairman, Liew Pui Yin of JCI Sandakan, said the idea of supporting the schools came after an assessment of their plight and the need for a more conducive learning environment for them.

"Now that students are fully back in school following the pandemic, there is a need for a more conducive learning environment for their sustained educational development.

"Although many of these schools are government-aided, they still need to source their own funds to upgrade their facilities and maintain proper standards of education for their students.

"As a result, we are pleased with this sponsorship by OCBC Bank which helps to alleviate the students' burden while bringing joy to the students and teachers,"

she said.

OCBC Bank Sandakan Branch Senior Manager, Loh Shiau Hung said the Bank engages with the communities it is involved in by venturing beyond its superior banking products and services to meeting the social needs of the people as well.

"We are aware that many people are still a little weighed down by the social and economic after-effects of the global pandemic, so we wanted to reach out and support our own community, particularly those who have been deeply affected during the past few years.

"A comfortable and well-equipped study environment is vital to a student's academic success.

"We hope this effort brought joy to both the teachers and students as the aim of the exercise was to ensure the students continue to pursue their education and learning endeavours in pleasant surroundings.

"And as a banking group with more than 90 years of giving to our communities, OCBC Bank looks forward to enabling individuals, SMEs and businesses to build a more sustainable future for now, and beyond.

"We are grateful to JCI Sandakan for partnering with us in bringing these improvements to the schools and hope that the students will benefit greatly from this initiative," she said.

Also as part of the collaboration, staff of OCBC Bank and JCI Sandakan planted 20 Ashoka trees at Yuk Choi Kindergarten to provide a greener and shadier environment for the students and teachers.