

## WFP Malaysia's Laptop Give-Away To Underprivileged Students

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The "Give Me a Chance" Laptop Give-Away event held by WFP Malaysia at the Peace Embassy on October 30, 2021, donated refurbished laptops to four underprivileged female students. In the opening speech, Mrs. Wellens Mimi Maria Farizan, Deputy President of WFP Malaysia, inspired the participants by sharing how she overcame the many challenges in pursuing a tertiary education over the years. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Ding Eow Chai, Village Head of Kampung Baru Sungai Way, who extended his sincere appreciation for the ongoing humanitarian work of WFP.



Since the outbreak of the pandemic, many families have suffered from pay cuts and job losses. The education system had been greatly affected. Many students faced difficulties staying connected to their teachers and were unable to keep up with their studies. The Laptop Give-Away Project makes a significant difference in the lives of those students who lacked a computer or who are sharing a device with their siblings for their studies.

In an interview, Ashiny (20), who was working a part-time job in a boutique while pursuing a diploma course, shared her struggles in coping with online classes without a laptop. "We were barely able to cope with our studies as my brothers and I took turns to attend online classes with one mobile phone. I had to go to my friend's house so that I could borrow her laptop to complete my assignments."

Syah (18), was excited to be given a chance to pursue tertiary education, "I've never dreamed of furthering my studies as I wasn't confident and I didn't want to burden my parents. I am keen to pursue a Diploma in Business. Thank you to WFP for the encouragement and opportunity given."

Born into a family where both parents are deaf, Chee (20), is determined to study hard to complete her studies in Accounting. She hoped to get a stable job to support her family. "To be honest, there were so many times that I wanted to give up studying because it was just too hard for me. But I believe education will help me secure a better job. I really wanted to repay my parents by giving them a better life."



"The laptop is really very timely as my course is beginning next week," said Xin (18) excitedly, who just enrolled in a Diploma in Advertising at a local college. "I am very passionate about designing. I can't wait to start learning new skills and knowledge with the laptop."

The "Give Me a Chance" Education Empowerment Initiative provides financial assistance and used laptops to underprivileged female students who intend to pursue tertiary education. We thank all donors and volunteers for contributing to the success of this program.

