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**YAYASAN
TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN**

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Greetings from Chairperson



**Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri
Dr. Noraini Ahmad**

Minister of Higher Education and
Chairperson of the Y TAR Board of
Trustee

Assalamualaikum and Salam Sejahtera,

The year 2021 passed with various challenges. Among them is the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact is present on various individuals, especially students who come from communities in need.

As a Foundation established under the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation Fund Act 1966 [Act 389], the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation (Y TAR) is unwaveringly dedicated to supporting and empowering students from the B40 community to achieve their best potential in themselves and their communities.

In 2021, Y TAR's gross income totalled RM5,188,326 compared to RM7,034,843 in 2020 which is a decrease of RM1,846,517 (26.25%). This decrease in income is partly due to the loss of investment in shares and bonds amounting to RM3,026,161 and a decline in the investment value of RM441,224 compared to investment gains and an increase in the value of shares amounting to RM2,939,431 for 2020.

Y TAR's expenditure in 2021 totalled RM8,902,660 compared to RM3,464,623 in 2020, which is an increase of RM5,438,037. The increase in expenses is due to the decline in the value of investments and losses on the sale of stock investments and bonds in 2021 amounting to RM3,747,282 compared to RM190,022 in 2020. In addition, the Foundation also increased its commitment to assist in critical times of the pandemic by increasing the number of beneficiaries. The Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship (BTAR) doubled in 2021 to 43 Tunku Scholars (compared to 21 the previous year), and laptops and data allowances were distributed to 500 students from 20 public universities. In addition, the Foundation has provided funds to 37 students for vocational training in the field of medicine and the manufacturing industry.

Y TAR has also broadened the scope of its work by initiating a new focus on employability training. Through Y TAR's collaboration with Accenture, the FutureReady programme was introduced. FutureReady is an employability training programme designed to assist qualified university students in acquiring the soft skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the professional world. We would like to inform you that in May 2021, we welcomed 40 students to the inaugural FutureReady cohort.

Finally, we are very pleased with the increased support from the private sector. Up until December 2021, the UTP Foundation and Multimedia University have promised to support 32 Tunku Scholars with a total contribution of RM2.7 million for tuition fee funds at their institutions from 2022 until 2027.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our new and existing partners for their faith in our vision to shape a new generation of Malaysian Leaders. If you would like to donate, support or collaborate with us, please visit our website at www.yayasantar.org.my.

Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION TO YTAR



Razman Durhan, a recipient of the Affin Hwang Asset Management-YTAR Scholarship for 2020, is currently continuing his studies in Mathematics and Economics at Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

Background

The Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation (YTAR) was established in 1966 to honor the legacy of Malaysia's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, also known as the Father of Independence and the Father of Malaysia.

The idea for the foundation was proposed by Tan Sri Mohd Khir Johari and it was created with the consent of Tunku Abdul Rahman himself through an act of Parliament. The foundation was created in response to a fundraiser launched by Utusan Melayu on the occasion of Tunku Abdul Rahman's 63rd birthday, with the goal of establishing an education fund to help students in higher education.

The foundation received widespread support from various sectors, including state governments, private companies, associations, and individuals, and it was eventually established as a national institute through the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation Fund Act No. 43 of 1966.

Since 1966, the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation has been empowering youth from diverse backgrounds to become the next generation of leaders for Malaysia.

Our Tunku Scholars can be found in every corner of Malaysia making an impact through education, business, healthcare, science, technology, the arts and more. These Scholars are committed to shaping a better future for themselves, their community and our country, Malaysia.



Introduction

Established in 1966, YTAR's aim is to provide financial assistance to academically strong students to further their studies in university. Since 2019, YTAR has renewed its direction by empowering more students from the B40 community who display holistic excellence and high potential to serve the country.

The following is the vision and mission which are also the pillars of YTAR:



Vision

Progressive, Just and Compassionate Malaysia



Mission

Nurturing Future Leaders for the Nation

Objectives

YTAR's objective in 2021 was to make a strategic shift to hone the potential and talent of high-need students from pre-university and university until they enter the workforce.

YTAR's focus includes 3 main pillars:

1

Scholarships and Financial Aid

To help students further their studies to a higher level and conduct research in all fields.

2

Talent & Leadership Development

To prepare students with the knowledge, skills and mindset to succeed in higher education and as young leaders of their communities.

3

A community driven by value and service

To build a diverse community of students and YTAR Alumni who have the character of courtesy, high values and passion to serve the community.

Introduction



The Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation logo was inspired by the personal logo of the late Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj. The logo has been customised for YTAR's use.

Description

Dome of the Mosque:

The dome of the mosque symbolises the noble values supported by Islam such as purity, sincerity, honesty and more.

Hibiscus:

Hibiscus is the national flower of Malaysia. Thus, it symbolises that YTAR is a national organization and not state-based or ethnic-based. YTAR's contributions should cover all Malaysian citizens regardless of background, race or religion.

Torch:

The torch symbolises a facilitator towards the search for knowledge that allows a person to become a knowledgeable, skilled, open-minded and high-moral person. This is in line with YTAR's function of providing assistance for higher education.

Sphinx:

At one point, the late Tunku was the champion in a family contest and won a prize in the form of art that had a picture of a 'sphinx' that was inspired by Tunku's father, Sultan Abdul Hamid when he attended the Coronation of King George V in 1911 in England. This sphinx is also placed on the logo of some universities in Britain. It symbolises the aspiration for YTAR to become a high-quality and well-known organisation.

Gold Colour:

The color gold symbolises the royal element related to Tunku's birth origins as a prince.

Introduction: YTAR Programmes

Our programmes focus on empowering high-potential and under-represented students to access higher education through our flagship programmes:



Closing The Gap

The Closing The Gap (CTG) programme is a higher education access and mentoring programme to empower secondary school students from underrepresented communities with the knowledge, skills and mindsets to enter universities.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship

Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship is a development-based scholarship programme that supports high-potential and deserving students in pursuing higher education while developing themselves as young leaders.

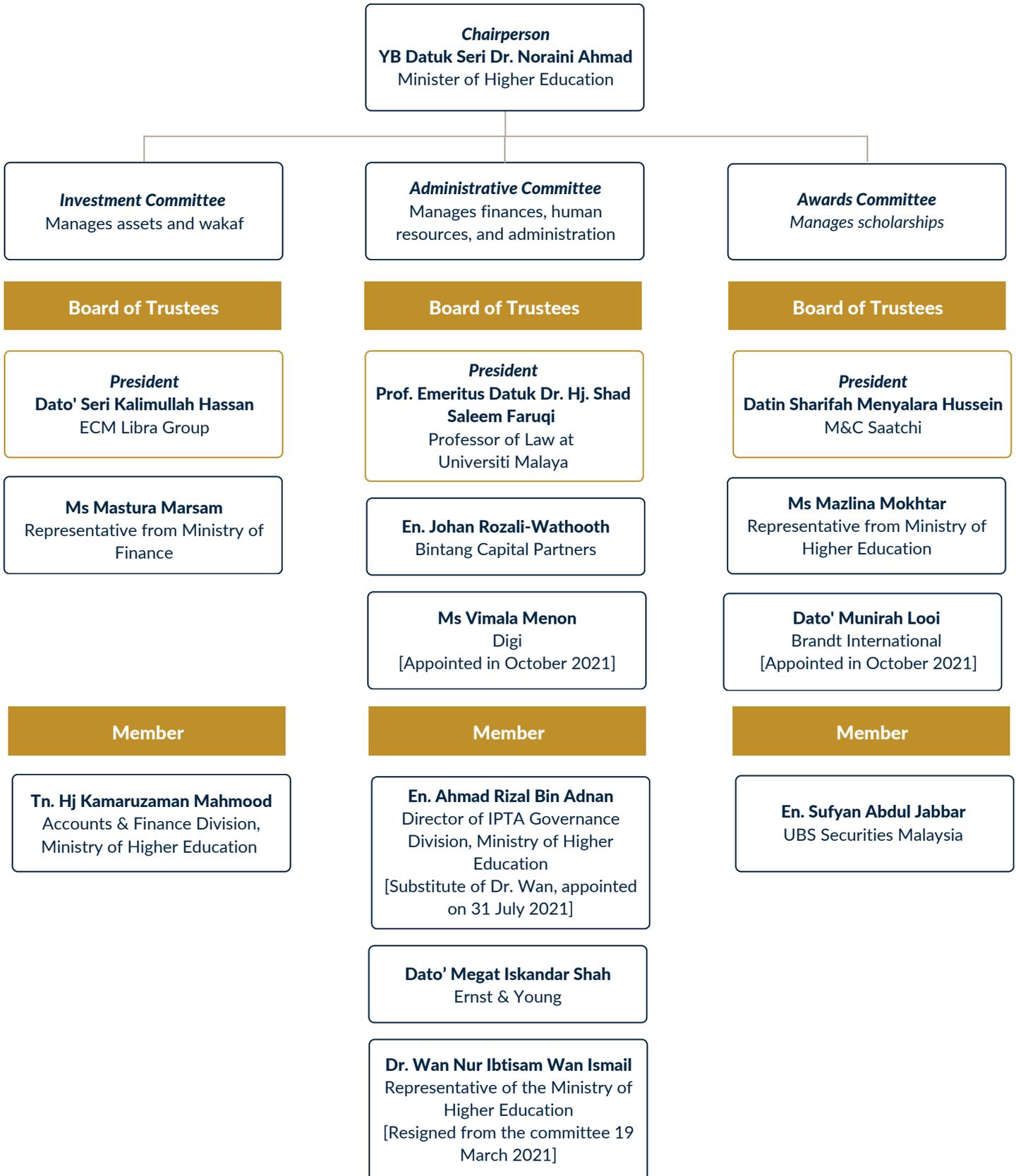


FutureReady

FutureReady is a 4-month employability programme in partnership with Accenture Malaysia. The FutureReady programme focuses on empowering under-represented students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in the competitive job market.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is chaired by the Ministry of Higher Education and is supported and advised by 3 Committees:



Board of Trustees

Attendance at the YTAR Board of Trustees Meeting (LPA) held on 26 February 2021:

Board of Trustees Present

1. YB Dato' Dr. Noraini binti Ahmad, Chairperson of YTAR
2. YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Mr. Shad Saleem Faruqi
3. YBhg. Dato' Seri Kalimullah bin Masheerul Hassan
4. YBhg. Datin Sri Sharifah Menyalara binti Syed Hussein
5. Ms Mazlina binti Mokhtar
6. Ms Mastura binti Marsam
7. Mr. Johan Ariffin bin Rozali Wathooth
8. Mr. Dzameer bin Dzulkifli David, YTAR Secretary

In Attendance

1. Mr. Muhammad Hatta bin Abdul Halim, Special Officer to YB Dato' Dr. Noraini binti Ahmad
2. Ms Ida Thien, Deputy Chief Executive of YTAR
3. Mr. Kularetnam Vijayakumar, YTAR Programme Manager

YTAR Team Members



Dzameer Dzulkifli

Chief Executive Officer / Secretary, Board of Trustees

Appointed in May 2019

Education

- MEng Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College London

Experience

- Consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Teach For Malaysia



Ida Thien

Deputy CEO

Appointed in August 2019 as Programme Manager

Education

- Bachelor of Law, University College London

Experience

- Alumni Impact, Teach For Malaysia
- Co-Founder, Closing The Gap Malaysia
- 2020 Acumen Academy Fellow



Muhammad Harun

Office Manager

Appointed in August 1997

Education

- Diploma in Accounting ITTAR-ITM
- Asia e-University HR Practice Certificate Course



Kularetnam Vijayakumar

Programme Manager

Appointed in January 2020 as a Senior Executive

Education

- BSc Psychology, Sunway University

Experience

- Teaching Assistant, Sunway University
- Teacher, SMK Kepong
- Representative, Teach For All Network Connectors

YTAR Team Members



Zainab Afiqah

Senior Executive

Appointed in March 2020

Education

- BSc Psychology and International Studies, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Experience

- Teacher, SMK Bukit Tinggi, Klang
- MARA Scholar



Hong Jinghann

Senior Executive

Appointed in January 2021

Education

- Bachelor of Law, University of Warwick

Experience

- Teacher, SMK Seri Kembangan



Raenuga Indran

Executive

Appointed in October 2020

Education

- BSc Psychology, Sunway University

Experience

- YSEALI Academic Fellow, Arizona State University
- Jeffrey Cheah Foundation Scholar

2021 Highlights

In 2021, we reinstate our emphasis on empowering more students from the B40 community through 4 key highlights:

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~RM5 million in scholarships and COVID-19 assistance

- Awarded 43 Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarships worth RM3 million (compared to 21 in the previous year).
- Awarded laptops and data allowance worth RM1 million to 500 underprivileged students in 20 public universities.
- Provided cash assistance of RM900,000 to 300 underprivileged students in 20 public universities.

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Employability and vocational skills support

- In collaboration with Accenture Malaysia, the FutureReady programme was successfully launched with 40 participants from 23 universities.
- A sponsorship of RM300,000 was provided for vocational training by DreamCatcher Asia to fund 35 students to improve their skills in the manufacturing industry.

03

~RM3 million in the form of guaranteed funds and partnerships

- The Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS Foundation and the Multimedia University Foundation have pledged to provide RM2.6 million to fund 32 Tunku Scholars.
- The OSK Foundation has pledged a donation of RM288,000 to support the Closing The Gap programme.
- Accenture Malaysia has contributed as much as RM121,000 for the FutureReady programme.

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Good governance practices are strengthened

- Appointment of 2 new trustees, Ms Vimala Menon (Senior Non-Executive Director, Digi and Chartered Accountant) and Dato' Munirah Looi (CEO, Brandt International).
- Modification of YTAR's internal policies and processes is underway.

02

YTAR PROGRAMMES



In 2021, the Closing The Gap programme worked together with 122 students from across Malaysia with the support of committed Mentors.

Tunku Scholar: Solving A Water Crises

Sarniezah binti Sagi is a 2020 Tunku Scholar who hails from Tawau, Sabah, and is currently pursuing her studies in the field of Development Science at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. Raised by a single mother, Sarniezah is the fifth of seven siblings in her family. Since young, Sarniezah was brought up to internalise a sense of independence. After her late father fell ill in 2006, Sarniezah had to work and support her mother as a grocer at a farmer's market.

Pulau Bum-Bum (Bum-Bum Island) is the largest island in the Semporna district in Sabah which has also become a settlement area for many villages. Unfortunately, the island suffers a lack of access to a supply of tap water for daily use. However, some villages have springs that are used as wells and Sarniezah managed to identify one of them, located behind a primary school in Kampung Gelam-Gelam.

Sarniezah makes the water crisis on Pulau Bum Bum a problem of the past. By using the Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship community development fund, Sarniezah took the initiative to build a water pumping system for the village in which the well was identified. She cooperated with local residents and enabled the installation of a poly pipe system for the villagers to connect their poly pipes to the well. As a result, the water pump system is now used by around 30 households in Kampung Gelam-Gelam and residents in several surrounding villages.

Overall, the project impacted over 300 residents in Kampung Gelam-Gelam and surrounding villages. All residents can now enjoy access to water supply (even in the dry season) because of the water pump system.



The 2-year leadership program as part of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship has helped me develop myself personally and professionally while enabling me to serve the community in Sabag.

The community development project in particular has allowed me to analyse and handle issues faced by the community by using the skills and knowledge I have learned throughout the program.

This has fueled my enthusiasm to continue my involvement in volunteering, especially in my home state of Sabah.

Impact of YTAR Programmes

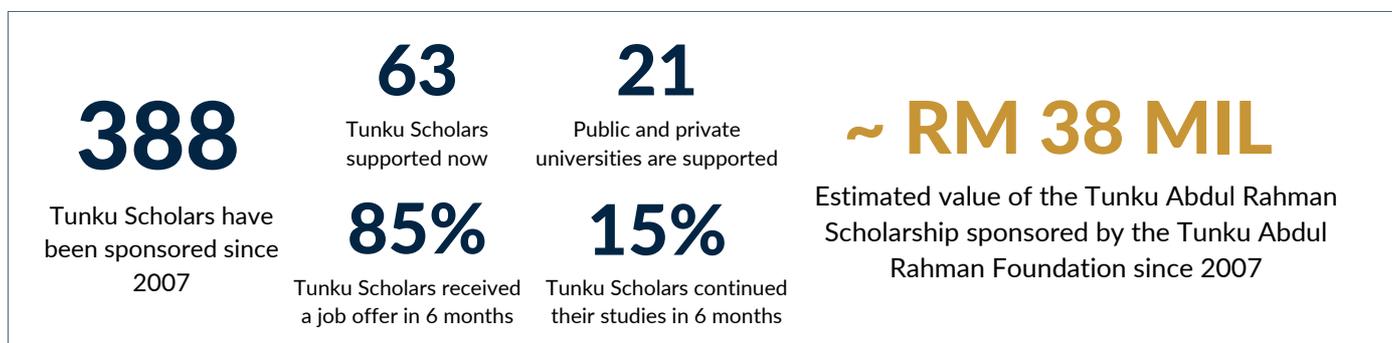
YTAR's flagship programmes focus on empowering high-need and high-potential youth through higher education access, scholarship, and employability programmes to build a better future for themselves, their community, and the country.

In 2021, the impact of YTAR's programmes is seen despite most of our programmes being conducted online.

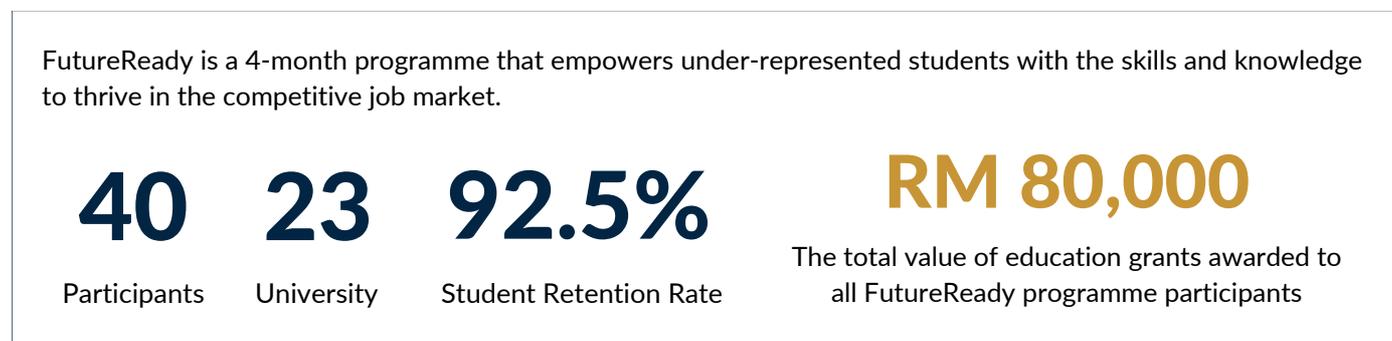
Closing The Gap (CTG)



Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship



FutureReady



Closing The Gap Programme

In 2021, the Closing The Gap programme has continued to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic through the launch of the ReachUni Virtual program as well as a post-SPM resource pack for students throughout Malaysia:



ReachUni Programme Launch

The ReachUni programme was an adaptation of the Closing The Gap programme that was made entirely virtual to benefit students throughout Malaysia. CTG has received 62 Scholars from 10 states for the first cohort of ReachUni.



Resource Pack Launch

The post-SPM Resource Pack was developed to improve access to resources that support students to transition into higher education. The Resource Pack is in 4 languages: Malay, English, Mandarin and Tamil.



Harvard Prize Book

The Harvard Club Malaysia and Closing The Gap collaborated to award the Harvard Prize Book Award to Closing The Gap Scholars that have high potential and excel holistically.



Through my involvement in the ReachUni virtual programme, I have explored many new things as a student. I often have questions about life after school. This programme has answered those questions and now I am very excited to go to pre-university and use the knowledge and guidance that I have learned through this programme. In my opinion, this program has equipped me with everything I need to know as a secondary school student who is transitioning into higher education and will support me to succeed in it.

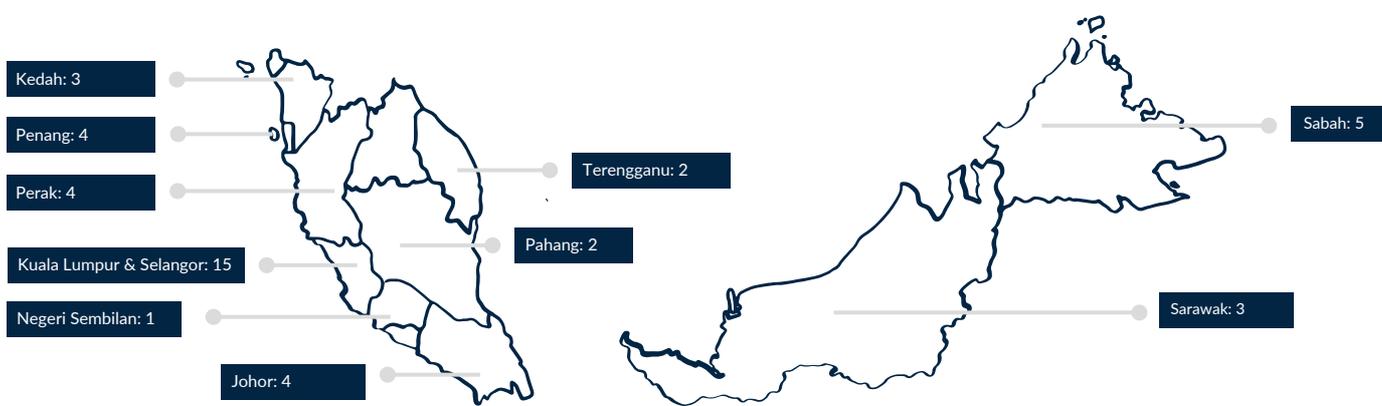
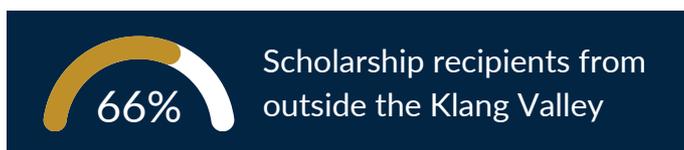
Aisyah* from Sabah, 2021 ReachUni participant

*Name has been changed because the student is not yet 18 years old.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship

In 2021, YTAR awarded scholarships to 42 candidates. YTAR has given twice as many scholarships this year to aid more students during the pandemic. As a goal, YTAR aims to give 34-36 scholarships in 2022.

Recipient Diversity



Focus on B40 students



Classification	Total Classification	Number of Students
B40	B1 Less than RM 2,500	24
	B2 RM 2,500 - RM 3,169	9
	B3 - 4 RM 3,170 - RM 4,849	6
M40	M1 RM 4,850 - RM 5,879	-
	M2 - 4 RM 5,880 - RM 10,959	2
T20	T1 RM 10,960 - RM 15,039	1
	T2 More than RM 15,039	1

FutureReady Programme

In 2021, Y TAR launched the FutureReady programme together with Accenture Malaysia to increase graduate employability. In 2022, Y TAR will work with Accenture Malaysia to continue this program for 60 students.



10 teams of FutureReady participants presented their case study solutions to a panel of judges who played the role of potential investors.



Participants followed a tutorial organized by Accenture Malaysia where they were exposed to topics such as Design Thinking and Project Management.



"FutureReady builds students' skills to help them compete in an increasingly competitive job market. This programme exposed me to a new way of thinking outside the academic world and gave me the opportunity to experience the life of a consultant in the professional field through case studies."

Bhuvanrhyshie A/L Kandasamy
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia

TVET Programme

Y TAR has collaborated with Dreamcatcher Asia Sdn Bhd to provide professional certification opportunities to 35 high-need students as an alternative route for students interested in vocational programs.



"Through cooperation and funding from Y TAR, we have the opportunity to provide better support to youth from the B40 group in their transition from high school to the workforce. With the support of Y TAR, we have the ability to offer training and support to youth to adapt to their workplace. This has given an impetus to our other participants to gain life and financial stability where they are now more financially independent, and able to contribute back to their families."

Samuel Lee, Pengurus Program
Dreamcatcher Asia Sdn Bhd

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PANDEMIC AID



The Student Affairs Officer of Universiti Putra Malaysia received laptops from YTAR to distribute to students during the transition of the learning system to online learning.

Laptops

YTAR worked together with the Student Affairs Department of each public university to support students with high needs in online learning by providing 500 laptops and data allowances to B40 students at each public university.



University students receive a Dell Laptop Inspiron 3502 laptop from Student Affairs Officers at student residences and also at the Student Affairs Department office in their respective universities.



"At Universiti Malaysia Sabah, there are still many students from the B40 community who do not have access to laptops and have to attend online classes and complete their assignments using mobile phones. The distribution of laptops that also include data allowances will ensure that students no longer fall behind in their online learning."

Puan Masnahneh, Student Affairs Officer, Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Bantuan Pelajaran Tunku Abdul Rahman

YTAR has worked with the Student Affairs Officer of each public university to identify students in need of financial assistance to ensure that they have their basic needs met during the pandemic. In 2021, YTAR has given financial aid amounting to RM3000 to 300 public university students through the Bantuan Pelajaran Tunku Abdul Rahman (BPTAR) programme.



The help given was very helpful and easing in terms of learning, because there is the need for equipment, reference materials and internet data. With help, this has improved the quality of learning for me to become a better student in the future.

Recipient of Bantuan Pelajaran Tunku Abdul Rahman (BPTAR) 2021

04

YTAR ADMINISTRATION



Focused participants in a tutorial class during the Residential Camp organized by the Closing The Gap programme.

YTAR Administration

In 2021, YTAR continued to strengthen our good governance through 4 successes and reforms:

01

Tax Exemption

The YTAR tax exemption status has been enforced since 1 January 2021 under the Income Tax Act 1967, subsection 44(6). With this, YTAR has begun developing fundraising efforts.

02

Appointment of New Trustees

The new trustees appointed are Ms Vimala Menon (Senior Non-Executive Director, Digi. and Chartered Accountant) and Dato' Munirah Looi (CEO, Brandt International). Both of them are members of the Administration and Grants Committee to strengthen our financial governance and scholarship process.

03

Upgrade of financial and human resource administration policies

The strengthening of YTAR's internal policies and processes continues with major reforms underway:

- Modification of the Human Resource Policy to retain and attract competitive talent that has been evaluated by the Administrative Committee. The target is to obtain Board approval in early 2022.
- New governance policies such as Anti-Bribery and Corruption policies and Anti-Sexual Harassment policies will be introduced.

04

Optimizing YTAR's assets to achieve YTAR's vision

Investment asset optimization continues with the appointment of Affin Hwang Asset Management (AHAM) as the new asset manager for the entirety of YTAR's investments with an annual return of 5%. AHAM has shown a strong track record with its previous YTAR bond portfolio.

YTAR has made a request to sell rubber plantation land in Sik, Kedah and the amount from the sale will be channelled back to the scholarship. This application has been given to the Kedah State Government and is now awaiting review from the State Government.

05

MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS



Natrah Laili, a 2020 Tunku Scholar graduated with a degree in Communication and Media Studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She is now pursuing a career as a journalist.

Achievements Through Collaborations

We exceeded our fundraising target of RM500,000 by securing RM3 million through:



RM288,000 was pledged by the OSK Foundation to support the 2022 Closing The Gap Cohort for 3 years—targeting 100-120 Scholars.



RM2.1 million was pledged by Yayasan Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS for 25 students. Multimedia University Foundation extended their sponsorship for 7 more students worth RM560,000.



RM121,000 sponsored by Accenture Malaysia to support 40 university students in the FutureReady programme.



The YJAR Scholarship and the Multimedia University Foundation (YUM) gave me this opportunity to pursue my dream in the field of law. The selection process, scholarship benefits and leadership programmes offered have helped me grow personally and professionally.

Mayuren Kanabathey, 2020 Tunku-YUM Scholar



In three months, I have acquired knowledge and skills that cannot be obtained anywhere else. The FutureReady program has given me the confidence to hone the skills needed to succeed in my career.

Yeu-Mynn, 2020 FutureReady Participant

Our Partners and Sponsors



Branding and Marketing

In terms of branding, YTAR has been featured on several news media channels including:



2020 Tunku-Affin Hwang Asset Management Scholar, Razman Durhan was invited to Astro Awani to share his journey throughout the scholarship programme.



2020 Tunku-YUM Scholar, Mayuren and YTAR's Senior Executive, Zainab Afiqah were invited to share about the Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship on BERNAMA News.



2017 Closing The Gap (CTG) Scholar, Virman Juri was invited to share his experience as a CTG programme participant on Astro Awani to inspire students to participate in the higher education access programme.

On Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman's social media platforms, we also released a video to showcase our Scholars and commemorate Tunku Abdul Rahman's legacy:



2021 TAR Scholarship Recipients

After completing the Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship 2021 evaluation round, we invited all Tunku Scholars and their families to make a surprise announcement call.

Watch the full video on our social media platforms.



Warisan Tunku, Pemimpin Negaraku

In memory of the late Tunku Abdul Rahman, we shared a series of illustrated retellings as a tribute to the late Tunku and his legacy. In this series, we also celebrate lesser-known heroes who have contributed to the development of Malaysia.

Contact Us

YTAR is currently looking for individuals, organisations and institutions with a similar vision to work together to empower the next generation of leaders through the provision of higher education assistance.

If you are interested in realizing this dream, you can contact us via:



www.yayasantar.org.my



partnership@yayasantar.org.my



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— Tan Wei Siang, a 2020 Tunku Scholar is actively involved in community development initiatives in Penang and is currently pursuing his studies in the field of Software Engineering at Asia Pacific University (APU).