

IEM GIVES BACK - ROHINGYA CHILDREN

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The plight of the Rohingya is said to be the world's fastest growing refugee crisis. Since August 2017, nearly 700,000 have fled their homes and persecution in the northern Rakhine province of Myanmar for neighbouring Bangladesh.

IEM's Project Management Technical Division (PMTD) made a donation to support children studying at School Al-Ikhlas & Rohingya Refugees Centre during a fund raising programme at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The mock cheque hand-over ceremony was held at Dewan Canselor Tun Abdul Razak on 28 June 2019. The PMTD believed that education was essential to achieve the overall goal of breaking the cycle of poverty and for a better future.



PMTD chairman Vincent Wong Khien Ngee (far left) presenting the donation to School Al-Ikhlas & Rohingya Refugees Centre. With him are (from left) Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, chairman of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Prof. Ir. Dr Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor, vice-chancellor of UKM and Tuan Haji Zainudin Mohd Daud, deputy director of administration

Established in August 2015, School Al-Ikhlas & Rohingya Refugees Centre is a pre-school and primary level learning centre for Rohingya children registered with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees or UNHCR. It is located in Selayang, Wilayah Persekutuan, and the children are mainly from Rohingya Muslim families.

There are about 100 children in the school. Apart from providing them with basic education, the school also helps the children adjust to life and their new surroundings. It also serves as a centre for helping the underprivileged in the neighbourhood such as a monthly food distribution.



Children of School Al-Ikhlas & Rohingya Refugees Centre on stage to receive the gift

It is a one-stop centre for Rohingya refugees in the Klang Valley.

However, funding is a challenge. Without regular sponsorship and support, the school is at risk, so it is hoped that the charity programme will be on-going. ■