

B.YOUTH!



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BERJAYA YOUTH COLLABORATES WITH EPIC HOMES TO BUILD HOME FOR IMPOVERISHED ORANG ASLI FAMILY

Kuala Lumpur, 10 August 2014 – From 8 – 10 August 2014, Berjaya Youth (“B.Youth”) in collaboration with Epic Homes, brought more than thirty Malaysian youth together to build a home for a needy Orang Asli family living in Kampung Batu Dua Belas, Gombak. This project was made possible from a contribution of RM70, 000 to Epic Homes by Better Malaysia Foundation during the 4th Berjaya Founder’s Day in February 2014 and Berjaya Corporation Berhad. Epic Homes is a social enterprise which aims to provide sustainable homes to the Orang Asli community in Malaysia.

The recipient of the home, Mak Cik Bidah and her family currently live in a house measuring only 400 sq ft which houses her entire family of 16 comprising her children and grandchildren. Unable to work due to old age, the sole household income is provided by her daughter who earns only RM1,000 a month. Their current dilapidated home’s core structure is unsafe and unsound due to roofing issues and its slanted structure. Moved by Mak Cik Bidah’s plight, B.Youth decided to mobilize youth volunteers to build her a 6 module house with a verandah that she can call home.

To prepare for this three-day build, B.Youth volunteers were required to attend a Builders Basics Workshop prior to the event to equip them with the right set of skills and knowledge towards building a home. Volunteers were assessed based on their skills set and assigned to different groups to manage the different aspects of the build. A Master Builder together with his specialists was on-site to provide guidance, assistance and to ensure all safety measures were strictly adhered to.

“We are very delighted with the overwhelming response received when we called for volunteers for this build project. This goes to show that Malaysian youth are well aware of the local social issues and are proactive in volunteering their time and effort towards social causes.” said Judy Tan, Senior General Manager, Corporate Communications Division of Berjaya Corporation Berhad.

B.Youth is a platform created by Berjaya Corporation Berhad specifically for the youth community of Malaysia, with the objective of promoting positive youth development, learning and networking through B.Youth's four key pillars namely Inspiration, Creativity, Eco and Animal. Other than this Epic Homes Build project, some of the past and upcoming projects and exciting activities under these pillars include the annual Berjaya Youth Short Film Competition, It's Pawssible Campaign (an animal welfare project), Eco Tioman Island Clean-Up Day, TEDxYouth@KL as the ideas partner and many more. For further information, do visit www.berjayayouth.com or www.facebook.com/berjayayouth.

About Better Malaysia Foundation (“BMF”)

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Vincent Tan's (“TSVT”) personal foundation, BMF supports various community and charitable causes which include educational programmes, medical and health causes and humanitarian aid.

One of TSVT's bigger projects in education is to help improve the standard of English in Malaysia, recognising that English is important in communications and the business world. BMF is presently working with a non-governmental organization to set up community learning centres in several parts of Malaysia to offer free education and soft skills training, with an emphasis on the English language, to underprivileged communities. To date, there are 48 learning centres opened in both Peninsular and East Malaysia.

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