

Toy library for orang asli kids

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Facility for village in Serendah donated by corporate group

RESIDENTS of Kampung Orang Asli Serendah in Hulu Selangor came out in full force recently to witness the arrival of a new facility for their children – an educational Toy Library donated by the QI Group.

Located at the kindergarten in the village, the Toy Library is for about 150 children who will now be able to enhance their cognitive and social skills through the library which has both play and educational materials.

Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan, who is also Hulu Selangor MP, launched the Toy Library.

Also present were QI Group directors, staff of Vijayaratham Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the QI Group in Malaysia and the orang asli community led by Tok Batin, Hikang Saria.

Kamalanathan thanked the QI Group for their help, compassion and dedication in serving the communities.

"The Toy Library is a much-needed facility for the village which has a population of 500 people.

"I believe that all these children need is a little help, a little hope and someone who believes in them. Every little gift they receive means a lot. And what is better than giving them toys and books which will help enhance their education and literacy, which is the key to a better life for them.

"The QI Group is acknowledged for their concept of Raise Yourself To Help Mankind (RYTHM), which is their guiding principle for all that they do. Today, they have helped to improve people's quality of life," said Kamalanathan.

The Toy Library is equipped with



Learning while playing: Kamalanathan (centre) playing with the orang asli children after launching the Toy Library. With them are Boey Kho (in white blouse) and Hikang.

quality toys and children's educational books for ages three to 12.

"We hope this donation to the orang asli community will help provide assistance and comfort to the many children who do not have the privilege of playing with quality toys, especially educational ones.

"Setting up an educational Toy Library here is not a one-off contribution but one that will receive continuous support from our management and staff in order to sustain and ensure it brings the desired benefits. We carry out such projects on a monthly basis as part of staff social

responsibility and they are encouraged to engage with the local communities.

"This month, this particular contribution is in conjunction with the QI Group's 15th anniversary," said QI Malaysia chief executive officer Boey Kho.