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(From second right) Alias, Nan Yusri, Awang Rappil and Prof Beena visit the refurbished library of SK Kampung Bakam.

MIRI: Deleum Berhad has upgraded the library of SK Kampung Bakam here to inculcate the reading habit among students.

The refurbished library named Pusat Gedung Ilmu Deleum-SK Bakam carries a wide range of reading material to arouse the curiosity and fire the imagination of the 265 students and 26 staff.

According to Deleum’s Group managing director Nan Yusri Nan Rahimy, the school was adopted in 2014 under Pintar programme spearheaded by Pintar Foundation to inspire students of underperforming schools nationwide to become responsible citizens through the three key tenets of Promoting Intelligence, Nurturing Talent and Advocating Responsibility (Pintar).

The refurbishments project was supported by student volunteers from Curtin University Malaysia to transform the library into a 21st century learning facility.

“Even with the advent of technology and the internet, a brick-and-mortar library still plays a key role in the daily lives of students.

“We hope that the refurbished library would motivate students to explore their innate creativity and innovative streak as they strive to integrate into today’s fast changing world,” said Nan Yusri during the handing over ceremony yesterday which coincided with the launch of #MiriMembaca.



(Seated front, from right) Prof Beena, Nan Yusri, Alias, Awang Rapbil and Awang Ali with others in a group photo after the launch of #MiriMembaca.

Miri Deputy Education Officer Alias Ngah represented Miri Education Officer Shirini Mastura Mohamed Zulkifli at the event.

In Shirini's text of speech read by Alias, she applauded the collaboration among the school, Deleum and Curtin University Malaysia for prioritising children's education and inculcating the reading habit.

"We are working on strengthening #MiriMembaca initiative with book reviews, drawing book illustration competition, short video competition, Read it and Swap it, Bicara Buku and creative writing. All of these activities are planned by Miri Teacher's Centre with Miri Division Education Technology Centre and Miri District Education Office to provide a platform for students to compete and gauge their knowledge when they are reading actively," Shirini said.

At the event, nine schools received certificates of appreciation for achieving 5 stars in school resource centre rating based on Smart School Qualification Standards (SSQS) 2018; namely SMK Baru, SMK Dato Permaisuri, SJK (C) Chung Hua Lutong, SJK (C) Chung Hua Krokop, SJK (C) Chung Hua Bakam, SK Sungai Bakas, SJK (C) Chung Hua Miri, SK Anchi and SJK (C) Chung Hua Pujut while Kolej Tun Datu Tuanku Haji Bujang received an appreciation certificate for obtaining 5 stars for five consecutive years (2014-2018).

SMK Taman Tunku was the champion for #MiriMembaca best photo competition followed by SK Temenggung Dato Muip (second) and SK Sungai Laong, Bakong (third).

Also present were SK Kampung Bakam headmaster Awang Rapbil Awang Sulaiman, pro vice chancellor of Curtin University Malaysia Prof Beena Giridharan and Miri Education technology officer Awang Ali Awang Ahmad.