

EDUCATION



YSD endeavours to offer wisdom, expertise and assistance at all levels of education to promote and advance what people believe they can achieve, especially the underprivileged. YSD supports initiatives that reduce gaps in accessing quality education between urban and rural societies, and to improve access to basic education for the marginalised. The Foundation also strives to support national policies with the aim to improve the Malaysian education system.

The amount committed since inception (1982):

RM430.1 million

The number of ongoing education programmes:

34

The number of scholarship and bursary recipients (FY2023):

292 scholars

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):

15

SCHOLARS' TESTIMONIALS



Ong Jiaying

YSD Excellence Scholarship Programme

Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), The University of British Columbia

Although it has only been a year, becoming a YSD scholar and studying over 12,600 km away from home has been life-changing. I experienced cultural shocks, pushed past my comfort zone, took leaps of faith, endured cutting rejections, and savoured satisfying victories. One of the valuable assets YSD afforded me was online learning access through the UdeMy Business subscription, which I used to improve my programming skills. I'm currently using this knowledge to build a tool for Malay learners to improve their English and vice versa, to bridge the language gap between Malaysians and the anglosphere. I'm driven to keep growing every day because of YSD's support.

Tan Qiao Xin

YSD Special Needs Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (Hons), MAHSA University

Note: Tan Qiao Xin is an exceptional YSD scholar with remarkable achievements, showcasing resilience and capabilities despite having a physical disability.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to YSD for the bursary award and the countless opportunities it has brought me since. I was also fortunate to gain access to the YSD THRIVE Programme, a unique experience providing valuable mentoring sessions to guide me in my future career path. This programme provided emotional and mental health support and enabled me to understand myself better and become the person I aspire to be. I believe in the educational journey; you can rest, cry, and be weak, but you should never give up on something you genuinely want. Perseverance holds the key to achieving success.





Muhammad Weeldan Bin Md Fauzi

YSD Special Needs Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage, International Islamic University Malaysia

Note: Muhammad Weeldan is an inspiring individual with remarkable achievements, showcasing his determination and capabilities despite being visually impaired.

The YSD scholarship has been instrumental in my personal growth and connecting with new people. Inspired by YSD's humanitarian spirit, I participated in a flood relief volunteering programme, organising donation drives to collect essential items such as food, water, clothing, and toiletries for those affected by recent floods. I also had the privilege of assisting fellow YSD scholars who are visually impaired with their daily errands, including shopping for groceries and navigating transportation. These experiences taught me the importance of empathy, tenacity, and the value of inclusive community participation.

Fauziah binti Pathorrasi

YSD Special Support Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia

Receiving YSD's scholarship has allowed me to pursue my education and alleviated my parents' financial strain, as they work as a school cleaner and a road contractor, respectively. As a scholar, I have access to an excellent educational development initiative, the YSD THRIVE #WECARE4U Programme. Tailored for bursary students from B40 families like mine, the programme ensures equal opportunities for knowledge and exposure to industry experts, directly impacting my personal growth. Through this initiative, I have expanded my network by connecting with resourceful mentors and scholars from other institutions. Additionally, I had the privilege to intern at YSD, where I gained invaluable knowledge and skills from the dedicated and driven team at YSD.





Nor Azmi bin Lawrence

YSD Special Support Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Universiti Malaya

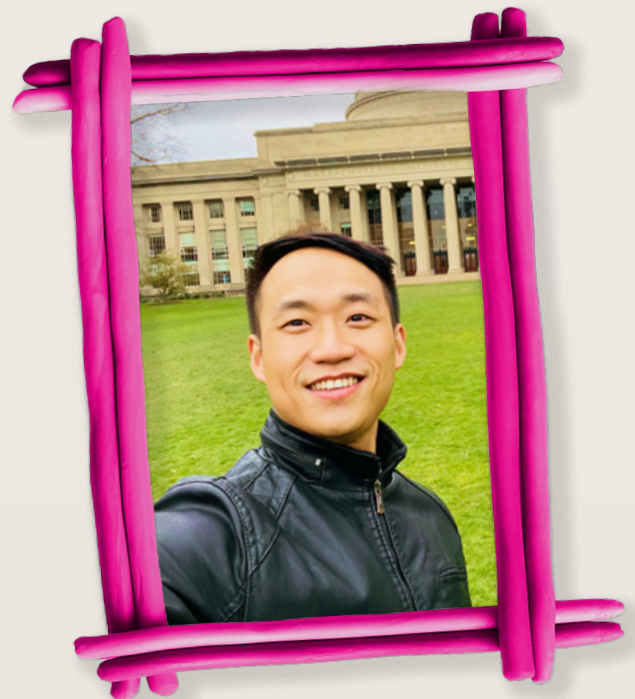
YSD’s support has allowed me to broaden my perspectives and achieve new heights in my academic journey through the YSD THRIVE - Rising Talent #WECARE4U Programme. The comprehensive programme offers initiatives ranging from spirituality to leadership, creating a safe space for YSD scholars to engage in mature discussions. It has shown me the importance of other people’s life experiences in shaping character development, which is crucial for real-life problem-solving. This training will be invaluable throughout my lifelong journey, both inside and outside the classroom.

Desmond Chang Kuok Lim

Regional Manager – Group Corporate Assurance, Greater China, Sime Darby Berhad, Employees Education Programme

MBA for Working Professionals, Asia School of Business in collaboration with MIT Sloan Management

Reflecting on my MBA journey, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and humility. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to YSD for their unwavering support and sponsorship, which has made this incredible learning experience possible. Throughout the programme, I had the privilege of engaging with a diverse and vibrant community of like-minded individuals, industry experts, and esteemed academics across the world. The programme offered a blend of rigorous coursework, real-world case studies, and action-learning opportunities, challenging me to think critically, ask the right questions, and develop innovative solutions to complex problems. Beyond the academic rigour, YSD provided ample opportunities for self-discovery and personal growth, helping me embrace my strengths and weaknesses to become a more confident and empathetic leader.





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79%
**OF SCHOLARS ARE
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KEEPING OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL

In 2023, the report of nearly 30,000 Malaysian students not sitting for the SPM examinations prompted a heated debate, shedding light on the alarming dropout rates in the country. As a foundation committed to providing access to quality education, this issue hits close to home, further driving YSD’s resolve to address this country-wide problem.

Since June 2021, YSD has been working closely with the Kedah State Government and the State Education Department (JPN) to address school disengagement and dropout issues in Kedah, with the expertise of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), led by Prof Dr Rosna Awang

Hashim. YSD’s funding of RM450,000 has enabled UUM to accelerate actions on the ground, including policy enforcement and improvement, in line with the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025.

YSD’s primary objective is to implement early interventions for identified at-risk students, with the ultimate aim of reducing school dropouts and increasing the number of students attending SPM examinations in Kedah. The success of the pilot project in Kedah is expected to pave the way for the replication of this project in other states across the country.



THE APPROACH:

- Inclusive early detection framework
- Consistent communication and active participation of community leaders to address dropout issue
- Komitmen Negeri Kedah Mendidik Pelajar Sukses (KOMPas) pilot project
- MyBuddy mobile application for timely access to, and analysis of education data while on the go
- 6 secondary schools in Kubang Pasu, Baling and Langkawi



PROGRESS TO-DATE:

- 12 site visits and focus group discussions with 125 respondents, including parents, teachers, and school representatives
- 18 engagement sessions with 180 B40 identified students
- A 3-day motivational programme mentored by 83 UUM students
- In December 2022, YSD and UUM received constructive feedback and commitments from the state representatives, JPN Kedah, schoolteachers, counsellors and PDRM
- MOE’s SUDI 2.0 initiative had facilitated UUM’s intervention module with key stakeholders and community leaders
- In February 2023, RM360,000 back-to-school aid were distributed to 1,800 students as part of the project’s education engagement
- In July 2023, MyBuddy training sessions were conducted for JPN Kedah officers, District Education Offices (PPD) officers, and selected school counsellors



YSD CEO Dr Yatela together with Prof Dr Rosna visited YB Brigedier Jeneral (B) Dato' Haji Najmi Bin Haji Ahmad, Kedah State Education Exco, and Tn Hj Rozaini Ahmad, Kedah JPN Director, with various other important stakeholders to discuss mitigation plans and actions on the ground for school dropouts in Kedah.



KOMPAS YSD Engagement Session on 12 March 2023 at Kedah State Education Department office.



YSD distributed back-to-school aid at 6 secondary schools in Kedah in collaboration with UUM.



UUM researchers attending progress coordination workshop.

KOMPas YSD engagement and mentoring sessions with 180 identified students.

