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### **YTL Foundation Seeks Help from Teachers to Give Away Free Mobile Phones**

Completing the package of data, learning content and devices to B40 families

**Kuala Lumpur 7 April 2020:** YTL Foundation announced today that it is giving away free mobile phones under its Learn from Home Initiative. This is in addition to the free YES 4G SIM cards with 40GB of data and free learning resources that has been made available to students in government schools.

Working with YTL Communications, YTL Foundation is offering free mobile phones to families in the B40 community with children in government schools who do not have smartphones or other smart devices. Each mobile phone will come with a prepaid YES 4G SIM card and a 12-month data plan with 120GB of data in total.

To ensure that the free mobile phones are given to families most in need, YTL Foundation is calling on government school teachers to submit nominations as teachers are best able to identify these families. Teachers are front liners when it comes to helping needy students in their classes, often volunteering their own time and resources to help these students. Teachers are also the natural partners for parents if learning from home and learning in school is to be an integrated experience for students.

Since the launch two weeks ago, the staff at YTL Communications have been working around the clock to fulfil the applications for the free YES 4G SIM cards. In the rush of processing the applications, one from a single mother living in a fishing village in Labuan stood out. The application included a photograph of three small children, a boy and two girls holding their father's death certificate. The children's mother had sent the photograph with her application as she was unsure if her children were entitled to the free SIM cards since her husband had passed away. Like many others in her village, she had recently lost her job due to the Movement Control Order. Moved by her plight, YTL Foundation gave her a free phone and SIM card.

This is the story of not just one family. It is the story of many Malaysian families who are largely unseen, who struggle to make ends meet and who are hardest hit during this Covid-19 crisis. However, despite their circumstances, their children's education is a priority.

Puan Sri Sherina Aris, a former teacher and wife of YTL Foundation Trustee Tan Sri Aris Othman said, "I fully agree that teachers are best placed to evaluate the needs of the students in their class. I grew up in an extremely poor family, and it was my teachers who helped me finish my education. I had become anaemic from lack of nutrition and it was a teacher who noticed this and sent me to a doctor and found sponsors for my school fees. The other teachers chipped in to make sure I had enough daily nutrition. As a former teacher and someone who has experienced the kindness of teachers, I believe you can trust that teachers have the wellbeing of their students at heart."

Tan Sri Francis Yeoh Sock Ping, Chairman of YTL Foundation added: "My mother was a teacher and we grew up seeing her dedication to her students. She would give extra classes to her weaker students every day after school, but not before feeding them as she knew that many would not be able to afford a decent midday meal. We salute all teachers and we trust them to help us ensure that their most needy students will receive the free mobile phones."

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Teachers can nominate students to receive a free phone at [www.ytlfoundation.org/learn](http://www.ytlfoundation.org/learn). Successful candidates will be notified and will be required to submit their registration for the free mobile phone and 12-month YES 4G data plan.

Since launch of the initiative, FrogAsia has added thousands more quizzes into the FrogPlay Mobile App and Teach For Malaysia has joined FrogAsia to develop English, Science and Mathematics lessons mapped to the national curriculum. Please visit [www.ytlfoundation.org/learn](http://www.ytlfoundation.org/learn) for these resources and to apply for the free YES prepaid 4G SIM cards.

For regular updates on the initiative, follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/ytlfoundation> or @ytlfoundation on Instagram and Twitter.

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### **About YTL Foundation**

YTL Foundation (421570-A) was founded in 1997 on the belief that education is the basis on which every society progresses. By developing and improving education in the communities in which it operates, YTL Foundation aims to empower individuals and communities to be catalysts of change to enrich and benefit society. Over the years, YTL Foundation has provided aid to deserving individuals who would otherwise be denied opportunities to pursue higher education. More recently, YTL Foundation expanded its role; organising workshops, talks and conferences to enrich and inspire educators, students and parents, as well as programmes to bring 21st Century teaching and learning into schools. Through programmes, funding, thought leadership and by championing the use of technology, backed by the YTL Group's 65 year heritage of nation building, YTL Foundation hopes to build better societies, through better education.

For more information about YTL Foundation, kindly visit [www.ytlfoundation.org](http://www.ytlfoundation.org)

### **About FrogAsia and FrogPlay Mobile**

FrogAsia Sdn Bhd (968641-K) is a social enterprise that aims to transform teaching and learning through technology. With a mission to provide equal access to quality education for all students, we offer 21st-century learning solutions through a technology-based approach. Our virtual learning environment, the Frog VLE, is a simple, fun and engaging platform that enhances the teaching and learning experience. The platform is adopted and adapted from Frog Education UK, an award-winning education company with nearly 20 years of experience in providing the award-winning Frog Virtual Learning platform to schools used by 12 million students, teachers and parents worldwide.

FrogPlay Mobile is a gamified learning home revision app with revision quizzes for all core subjects for all years. Quizzes on FrogPlay are aligned with the national Malaysian school syllabus and is curated with content partner, trusted education publisher, Pelangi. The app engages learners in a fun and interactive way through revision questions and games. The FrogPlay Mobile application is available on Android and iOS.

FrogAsia has won Platinum trophies for the Excellence in Provision of Literacy & Education Award in the Global CSR Award 2017 and 2019 for providing quality education to schools nationwide. FrogAsia's educational programmes, Leaps of Knowledge and the Word Mania Challenge, have been recognised with the Gold Award for Brand Excellence in the Education Sector at the CMO Asia Global Brand Excellence Awards 2014, and the Gold Award for Best Use of Games/Contests/Quizzes at the A+M Asia Pacific Loyalty and Engagement Awards 2014. The Frog VLE Platform has received the

BETT Awards for Open Educational Resources in 2018, and Exporting Excellence category in the Education Investor Awards 2017.

For more information about FrogAsia, kindly visit [www.frogasia.com](http://www.frogasia.com)

### **About YTL Communications**

YTL Communications Sdn Bhd (793634-V), is a global frontrunner in 4G Internet and operates a robust "YES" 4G network in Malaysia with nationwide population coverage across the country.

YES is the first and still the only PURE 100% 4G Mobile Operator in Malaysia. In 2019, YES successfully emerged as the second country in the world and the first in Asia to deploy Terragraph in partnership with Facebook and as of July 2019, has deployed the world's largest Terragraph network in the world in Georgetown, Penang, offering the world's fastest public Wi-Fi.

In deploying access to the learning content and FrogPlay Mobile quizzes, all Malaysian parents irrespective of geography and township will have equal access to the best in pure 4G connectivity. Consistency of data to empower learning in these uncertain times is a requisite so that the future of our nation's children will not be compromised and this is YES' commitment to ensuring that Amazing Things Happen When You Say YES.

YES has chosen to answer the call of the nation in these challenging times by going above and beyond to ensure all Malaysian parents will have access to the necessary data for education and to this we say, YES to Education.

For more information about YES and its services, kindly visit [www.yes.my](http://www.yes.my).