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PINTAR Schools Show Significant Improvement in UPSR Results

PINTAR (Promoting Intelligence, Nurturing Talent and Advocating Responsibility), the school adoption programme involving Government-Linked Companies (“GLCs”), has shown encouraging result on its first anniversary with 397 students from 34 primary schools under the programme obtaining 5As in the recent UPSR examination.

In terms of percentage, the number of students who obtained 5As from these schools is 12.7%, which is significantly higher than the national average of 9.7%. It is also a marked improvement over 2006 results whereby 9.4% of the students who sat for the UPSR examination obtained 5As.

PINTAR activities at these schools started since January 2007, whereby GLCs have been participating actively by implementing various programmes such as remedial and tuition classes, nutrition programmes, motivation courses, counselling clinics and skills building workshops.

A total of 3,129 candidates from these schools sat for the UPSR examination this year (3,122 candidates in 2006). Apart from the 397 students those who obtained 5As, another 319 obtained 4As; an increase from last year’s results whereby only 294 obtained 5As and 292 obtained 4As. Notable improvements were also recorded in key subjects in this year’s examination as 31% of candidates scored A in Mathematics, 27% in Science and 18% in English. Average overall pass rate of these schools also improved to 68% in 2007 from 61% recorded last year.

PINTAR was piloted in Penang in December 2006 and has since expanded to other states in stages. Presently a total of 25 GLCs are participating in this programme that has to-date covered more than 38,400 students in 96 primary and secondary schools. It is expected to be expanded to 350 schools by 2010. In line with this expansion, the private sector partnerships for PINTAR will be broadened to involve more companies.

PINTAR programme is one of the initiatives that stems from the GLC Transformation (“GLCT”) Programme. It redefines school adoption programmes in line with the Government’s call under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (“9MP”) and 2006 Budget on public-private partnerships for sustainable development. The Putrajaya Committee on GLC High Performance (“PCG”), the committee that supervises the GLCT Programme, is hoping that PINTAR can be replicated to other corporations to support the Government’s call on Human Capital Development.

The core components of the programme constitutes Motivation and Teambuilding Programmes; Educational Support Programmes; Capacity and Capability Building; and Reducing Vulnerabilities and Societal Issues. These programmes are carried out in partnership with civil society and non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) working closely with the community and the school administration.

PINTAR was launched in Penang on 17 December 2006 by the Minister of Finance II, YB Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop and supported by both Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Education.

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About The Putrajaya Committee on GLC High Performance (“PCG”)

The PCG was formed in January 2005 to follow-through and catalyse the GLC Transformation Programme. PCG is chaired by the Second Finance Minister, with participation from the heads of the Government-Linked Investment Companies namely Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”), Permodalan Nasional Berhad, the Employees Provident Fund, Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera, Lembaga Urusan Tabung Haji and representatives from the Minister of Finance Incorporated and the Prime Minister’s Office to work together to monitor developments and recommend further measures of improvements.

A Transformation Management Office (“TMO”) has been established at Khazanah, the Secretariat to the PCG. TMO is responsible for managing the roll-out and implementation of the 10 Initiatives proposed in the GLCT Programme.

PINTAR - Participating Government-Linked Companies (25 as at 24 November 2007)

1. Affin Bank Berhad
2. Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad
3. Boustead Holdings Berhad
4. Bumiputra-Commerce Holdings Berhad
5. Chemical Company of Malaysia Berhad
6. Golden Hope Plantations Berhad
7. Island & Peninsular Berhad
8. Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad
9. Malayan Banking Berhad
10. Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad
11. Malaysia Building Society Berhad
12. Malaysian Airline System Berhad
13. Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad
14. Media Prima Berhad
15. Pos Malaysia & Services Holdings Berhad
16. Proton Holdings Berhad
17. Sime Darby Berhad
18. Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad
19. Telekom Malaysia Berhad
20. Tenaga Nasional Berhad
21. TIME Engineering Berhad
22. UDA Holdings Berhad
23. UEM Builders Berhad
24. UEM Land Sdn. Bhd.
25. UMW Holdings Berhad

PINTAR - Adopted Schools (96 as at 26 November 2007)

Pulau Pinang

1. S.K. Jelutong Barat, Jelutong
2. S.K. Batu Feringgi, Bukit Bendera
3. S.K. Sg. Dua, Kepala Batas
4. S.K. Bukit Gelugor, Bukit Gelugor
5. S.K. Sungai Nibong, Bayan Baru
6. S.M.K. Raja Tun Uda, Bayan Baru
7. S.K. Permatang Damar Laut, Bayan Baru
8. S.M.K. Batu Maung, Bayan Baru
9. S.K. Batu Maung, Bayan Baru
10. S.K. Sg. Duri, Nibong Tebal
11. S.M.K. Sg. Ara, Balik Pulau
12. S.K. Bukit Teh, Bukit Mertajam
13. S.K. Machang Bubuk, Bukit Mertajam
14. S.M.K. Hutchings, Tanjong
15. S.M.K. Jelutong, Jelutong
16. S.K. Kampong Jawa, Tanjong
17. S.K. Dato' Kramat, Tanjong
18. S.K. Bagan Jermal, Butterworth
19. S.M.K. Sg. Acheh, Nibong Tebal
20. S.K. Kuala Perai, Bagan
21. S.M.K. Paya Keladi, Kepala Batas
22. S.K. Bagan Tuan Kechil, Bagan
23. S.K. Bumbung Lima, Kepala Batas
24. S.M.K. Teluk Bahang, Balik Pulau
25. S.K. Teluk Bahang, Balik Pulau
26. S.K. Permatang Binjai, Tasek Gelugor
27. S.M.K. Datuk Hj. Mohd. Nor Ahmad, Bukit Gelugor
28. S.K. Sri Aman, Bukit Gelugor
29. S.K. Bukit Indera Muda, Permatang Pauh
30. S.K. Seri Penanti, Permatang Pauh
31. S.K. Bayan Lepas, Balik Pulau
32. S.K. Bertam Indah, Kepala Batas
33. S.K. Tanjung Tokong, Bukit Bendera
34. S.M.K. Seri Balik Pulau, Balik Pulau
35. S.K. Bukit Tambun, Batu Kawan
36. S.K. Batu Kawan, Batu Kawan
37. S.K. Sg. Bakau, Nibong Tebal
38. S.K. Pulau Aman
39. S.K. Pulau Mertajam, Kepala Batas
40. S.K. Sungai Rusa, Balik Pulau
41. S.K. Telok Kumbar, Balik Pulau
42. S.K. Jelutong, Jelutong
43. S.K. Pulau Betong, Balik Pulau
44. S.K. Permatang Buloh, Tasek Gelugor
45. S.K. Mutiara Perdana, Balik Pulau
46. S.K. Juru, Batu Kawan

Perak

1. S.K. Parit Tok Ngah, Parit Buntar
2. S.K. Pahit, Kg. Pahit, Gerik
3. S.M.K. Selinsing, Kerian
4. S.M.K. Sultan Muzaffar Shah 1, Lambor Kanan

Kedah

1. S.M.K. (A) Baling, Baling
2. S.J.K.(T) Badenoch, Kuala Ketil
3. S.K. Tandop Besar, Kuala Nerang
4. S.K. Gulau, Sik
5. S.K. Hujung Bandar, Sik
6. S.K. Padang Pusing, Pendang
7. S.J.K.(C) Yang Kao, Guar Chempedak
8. S.K. Bukit Pinang, Jln Padang Tembak

Perlis

1. S.K. Padang Melangit, Kangar
2. S.K. Padang Kota, Kangar
3. S.K. Sanglang, Simpang Empat

Johor

1. S.K. Taman Pasir Putih, Pasir Gudang
2. S.K. Kg Melayu Nyior, Kluang
3. S.K. Tebrau Bakar Batu, Johor Bahru
4. S.J.K.T. Gelang Patah, Gelang Patah
5. S.K. Gelang Patah, Gelang Patah
6. S.K. Kampung Pulau, Gelang Patah
7. S.K. Ladang Pendas, Gelang Patah
8. S.K. Morni Pok, Gelang Patah
9. S.K. Nusantara, Gelang Patah
10. S.K. Sg Melayu, Johor Bahru
11. S.K. Sikijang ,
12. S.K. Taman Nusa Perintis, Gelang Patah
13. S.K. Tanjung Adang, Gelang Patah
14. S.K. Tanjung Kupang , Gelang Patah
15. S.K. Tiram Duku, Gelang Patah
16. S.M.K. Gelang Patah, Gelang Patah
17. S.M.K. Kompleks Sultan Abu Bakar , Gelang Patah
18. S.M.K. Taman Nusa Jaya, Gelang Patah
19. S.M.K. Tanjung Adang, Gelang Patah

Kelantan

1. S.K. Pulau Kundor, Kota Bharu
2. S.K. Pauh Lima, Kota Bharu

3. S.K. Seri Aman, Pasir Putih
4. S.K. Padang Garong 2, Kota Bharu
5. S.K. Sabak, Kota Bharu
6. S.M.K. Kuala Balah, Jeli
7. S.K. Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Bharu
8. S.K. Paloh Pintu Gang, Kota Bharu
9. S.K. Kampong Tengah, Kuala Krai
10. S.K. Kg Laut, Tumpat

Terengganu

1. S.K. Beladai Kolam, Kuala Terengganu
2. S.M.K. Ibrahim Fikri, Kuala Terengganu

Pahang

1. S.K. Sungai Karang, Kuantan
2. S.K. Fakeh Abdul Samad
3. S.K. Wira, Kuantan

Kuala Lumpur

1. S.M.K. La Salle, Brickfields