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FEDERAL Territories MCA Youth donated a range of smart devices to two schools in Kuala Lumpur to help underprivileged pupils cope with e-learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

SJK (C) Tai Thung in Salak South and SJK (C) Nan Kai in Bukit Bintang received 10 laptops and 10 desktops, respectively, along with computer accessories.

FT MCA Youth chief Tan Teik Peng said the programme was under the GoCare Donation initiative, a crowdfunding campaign by MCA Crisis Relief Squad.

"We initially planned a small activity to help underprivileged pupils in online learning but after engaging with various schools, we found that about 30% of pupils were not joining the online classes. "It was because they did not have the right devices and Internet access. In some cases, it was also due to the lack of self-discipline among the pupils.

"With this initiative, we repair and refurbish used laptops and desktops and donate them to the schools in the hope that these devices can be given to the needy and low-income families," he said during the handover of the items at SJK (C) Tai Thung, Salak Selatan, Kuala Lumpur.

Tan said they had started a crowdfunding initiative via GoCare and aimed to raise RM100,000 for underprivileged pupils.

"There are several IT vendors who are willing to assist in this programme.

"We collected used devices, refurbished and topped them up with new accessories such as keyboards,

# Equipping needy pupils with tools for e-learning

## Two schools receive refurbished laptops, desktops through programme



Ngang hopes more people will come forward to help needy pupils.

mouse as well as webcams to ensure that the items are useful for the pupils' e-learning," he explained.

Meanwhile, GoCare project manager Xilax Ngang said the recently launched initiative had so far collected about RM5,000 from the public.

"We hope that interested individuals and corporations can come forward to help with donations," he added.

SJK (C) Tai Thung headmistress Chong Siew Chu thanked Tan and



Tan (second from left) presenting the contributions to Lim while Chong (left) and Goh look on during the ceremony at SJK (C) Tai Thung, Salak Selatan, Kuala Lumpur. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

his team for the contributions.

"The computers and laptops will benefit the families, especially those in the B40 group and single parents.

"In fact, we have a list of pupils in need and hope that these devices can help with their e-learning.

"E-learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic has taken a toll on teachers, parents and pupils as they face difficulties coping with the new system," she said, adding that the contributions would give some relief to the families.

Also present at the handover of

contributions were SJK (C) Tai Thung chairman Lim Teong Kwee, Parent-Teacher Association chairman Goh Soo Tie and SJK (C) Nan Kai deputy headmistress Song Sock Kian.

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