



Among the students of SMK Kanibungan who received the contactless cash aid for the purchase of food and stationery at the school canteen and cooperative.

## Over 2,000 students to benefit from SMJ Energy's edu programme in Pitas

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PITAS: More than 2,000 students from seven schools in the Pitas district received direct assistance for their daily schooling needs through a new corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative by SMJ Energy Sdn Bhd in collaboration with the MyKasih Foundation.

The allocation involving RM2.5 million was launched by Sabah Finance Minister who is also the Chairman of SMJ Energy, Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun, at a ceremony held at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Kanibungan on Tuesday.

"This programme reflects SMJ Energy's commitment to ensuring that the benefits from Sabah's oil and gas industry are channelled back to the people, especially our children, who represent the future of this state."

"It involves three secondary schools and four primary schools in Pitas and provides contactless cash assistance for the purchase of food and stationery at school can-

teens and cooperatives."

"This method ensures transparency and that the assistance is delivered directly to the students."

"This initiative can, in some way, change the course of a student's life and, at the same time, ease the burden on parents," he said.

Meanwhile, Masidi also emphasised that Pitas is among the districts facing the most significant socio-economic challenges in Sabah and that every child should be given equal opportunities regardless of background.

The MyKasih Foundation plays an important role in the implementation, including monitoring and providing periodic impact reports.

"This initiative complements the ongoing efforts of schools, education officers, and local organisations in Pitas."

"We know that improving rural education takes teamwork from all kinds of people," he said.