

# PROJECTS FOR HAPPINESS

## 2017



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#### INTRODUCTION

**Chin Student Organisation (CSO)** is a series of learning centres in Klang Valley for refugee children from Chin State, Myanmar. CSO is comprised of four centres: Puchong, Cheras, Loke Yew, Imbi. The teachers, who live in the centres and are also Chin refugees, are dedicated to giving the children a chance at an education and a future. Sunway University currently sends student tutors two Saturdays per month to help the children with their English and maths. Providing support for this organization is a good cause for good people.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This project has four primary objectives:

1. To provide continuous **tutoring/mentoring** to children
2. To secure school/teaching supplies for the learning **centres**
3. To supply toiletries/hygienic goods for children and their **families**
4. To generate food cost augmentation for **students and teachers**

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## ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

Currently, a group of 12-15 university students from Sunway University visit the main CSO centre in Puchong two Saturdays per month to tutor the children (aged 4-15yrs).

CSO uses primary school English, Maths and Science school materials from the Singapore curriculum. These materials have been provided by the Australian Embassy. Students are issued texts ideally, however these resources in some cases are lacking. Further, **school supplies** such as games and backpacks for students' commutes are vital. These deficiencies can be addressed via one-time donations.

**Hygienic goods**, i.e. toiletries, are essential for the sustainable health of the children and their families. Currently, Sunway University is considering methods of reaching out to hygienic supplies companies for provisions.

Additionally, the centres provide breakfast and lunch for the children, and the teachers at the centres live on site full-time. The money generated by student tuition spreads thinly to feed students and teachers. Sunway University can provide some funding for **food costs** via on-campus fundraising efforts to supplement. However, strategies for generating further money to augment the food budget must be considered as well.

## PROJECTS BENEFICIARIES

This project aims to provide necessary supplies to three beneficiaries: **the centres** (school supplies), the children and their **families** (toiletries, hygienic goods), and the **students and teachers** (food cost augmentation).

## EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

**Sunway University** will continue to provide weekend tutoring to the children to enhance their learning and to provide positive role modeling. The members of Sunway Student Volunteers (SSV) are committed to sending enough tutors on a regular basis two Saturdays per month.

In addition, Head of Department and lecturers at Sunway University's **Centre for English Language Studies** will serve to develop the tutoring/mentoring skills of the volunteers through periodic workshops to ensure fun, productive, confidence-building tutoring is being delivered at the centres.

Furthermore, Sunway volunteers can generate money to supplement food cost budgeting through on-campus fundraising events once in a while, as well as food donations during weekend tutoring visits.

**Khind Starfish Foundation (KSF)** can play a vital role in this effort as well. This cause meets two criteria for this project, as it is in the field of education, and of course it is also an effort to curb the cycle of extreme poverty.

In providing one-time financial support for lacking supplies, **KSF** can instantly make a massive and appreciated difference to the quality of learning and the quality of life for the hundreds of children at CSO centres.

**KSF** can also give **credibility and visibility** to this cause, further helping promote other local companies, notably toiletry companies (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.) to provide sustainable support for these refugee families.

The **Chin Student Organisation** is a worthy institute to support. The children at these centres are polite, courteous, curious kids who deserve a chance at a happy, productive life. Without sufficient support from the community, however, unfortunately many of these children will no doubt succumb to the pressures and temptations of the streets. The aim of this project is simple-- **to give these children a chance!**

## PROJECT TIMELINE

**May 2017** – Sunway University's Sunway Student Volunteers (SSV) begins bi-weekly Saturday visits to Chin Student Organisation (CSO) help refugee children with their English and maths.

**July/Aug 2017** – Khind Starfish Foundation (KSF) joins the effort and hopefully offers to support CSO with a one-time donation as it deems appropriate. KSF serves as a conduit, advocating for commercial support of CSO's children and their families' health and hygiene. KSF also advises SSV/CSO on methods of sustainable budget augmentation.

**December 2017** – Project for Happiness culminates as:

1. Sunway Student Volunteers are well trained in tutoring CSO children. SSV maintains its tutoring services indefinitely, and can adequately provide fun, productive, confidence-building tutoring sessions to refugee children.
2. CSO develops methods of generating funds to augment food costs at the centres.
3. Sunway University establishes relationships with local toiletries distributors who commit to support CSO through regular, periodic donations.
4. A group of students from CSO perform for KSF. Children take turns telling folk tales from their native culture in English.

## BUDGET

SCHOOL SUPPLIES		
Item	Quantity	Estimated RM
Dry erase markers	20 boxes	500
Pens	400 piece	100
Pencils	400 piece	200
Dusters	40 piece	50
Checkers sets	8	50
Chess sets	8	50
Scrabble	8	50
Backpacks	100	4000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>5000</b>

TOILETRIES
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Item	Quantity	Estimated RM
Tooth brushes	400	200
Toothpaste	100	500
Shampoo	100	500
Laundry Powder	10 boxes	100
Sanitary Pads	100 packs	300
Hand Soap	100 bars	100
Floor Cleaner	10 bottles	100
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>1800</b>

FOOD AUGMENTATION		
Item	Quantity	Estimated RM
Cooking Oil (5 litre)	8	100
Rice Sack (20kg)	8	400
Beans	100 cans	300
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>800</b>

MISCELLANEOUS		
Item	Quantity	Estimated RM
Water Filters	4	600
First Aid Kits	4	250
Mosquito Coils	8 boxes	150
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>1000</b>

**TOTAL: RM 8600**