

PH 1721 - MAYANG: Propelling A Sustained Happiness – Projects For Happiness 2017

Section 1

The MAYANG project which stands for Mentor-mentee Anak Yatim Caring was conducted from the 4th of November until the 9th of December 2017 involving five orphanages which are Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam, Rumah Raudhatul Al-Faez, Rumah Penyayang Darul Ilmi, Yayasan Sunbeams Home and Rumah Perlindungan Nur Qaseh. The activities done were in the form of mentoring sessions that uses high-impact modules which promotes creativity, teamwork as well as interpersonal communication skills among others.

In order to further secure our financial sustainability, we organized a one-week fundraising event titled *Orphans Awareness Week: Food Festival 2017* which was held at Convest Hill, International Islamic University Malaysia. The event gave opportunities to seventeen businesses; including ten food-trucks that had rented business spots from us. Thus, the rent fees were the main source of income during the event with the additional funds raised from donations and sponsorship. The event was a success and managed to be regarded as one of the major contributors in ensuring the success of the MAYANG project, complementing the tremendous contributions given by KHIND Starfish Foundation.

The MAYANG project was done through mentoring sessions that lasted up to 6 hours per session. Each session was filled with modules and activities that were aimed at enhancing the skills of the orphans in regards to their soft-skills, creativity, and communication skills. Yes, there were problems that we had faced such as last minute changes of venue as well as time and duration by the orphanages' management which we had succeeded to overcome through further discretion and by being flexible. Proudly, we managed to include one more non-Malay orphanage to be involved in our programme - Yayasan Sunbeams Home, located in Cheras, and is home to Chinese, Orang Asli and Indian youngsters which further enhance our dedication towards strengthening the theme of racial harmony.

The main beneficiaries of MAYANG are the orphans - concurrent with our mission to develop modules that promotes the idea of self-sustainability amongst them through fundamental skills and knowledge. The public also gained benefit through the much-needed awareness raised in regards to the societal roles towards the targeted group. MAYANG managed to encourage the public in giving support from all possible aspects to the orphans. Throughout the seven mentoring sessions conducted, one hundred orphans were involved from five orphanages and a total of 120 students of International Islamic University Malaysia volunteered themselves in an effort to bring happiness to the orphans.

Section 2

MAYANG proved to be beneficial both from the perspective of short and long term standpoints. The time and energy invested towards ensuring the success of this project materialized in the forms of better communication skills among the orphans as well as intellectual capabilities that includes creativity and critical thinking. Unlike before, empowered by the contributions made by KHIND, we are now able to conduct modules that had previously never been done by our team involving robotics, cooking, D-I-Y and sewing - complementing conventional leadership-themed games and fun activities. The excitement demonstrated by the orphans symbolizes the success we achieved and this surely further motivates us to continually serve them. Our efforts in nurturing the development of the orphans will never be halted. Our continuous strive towards the objective of aiding orphans to fulfil their potential will be continuously sustained through the MAYANG project.

For years MAYANG project has always been long-term in nature, with the exception of the newly added Sunbeams Home, the collaboration with four other orphanages had been established for years and our relationship with them is expected to be further strengthened for many more years to come. Moving towards 2018, we are expecting one more orphanage to be included in the MAYANG project while maintaining the five orphanages that we have established this connection with. Such initiative will ensure a consistent effort in maintaining the credibility of MAYANG project as a demonstration of our continual effort in propelling a sustained happiness to the orphans.

This project unquestionably contributed a positive impact to me personally. My team knows no borders in aiding children of orphanages and welfare homes. We are proud of our efforts in nurturing the intellectual development of children especially the orphans under the banner of racial harmony. This project taught me how to be grateful by caring and sharing our privileges with the unfortunate ones. It is hoped that our effort will be a stepping stone for orphans in instilling the spirit of giving back to the community.

“The positive impacts resulted through the MAYANG project motivates us to go even further, to contribute to the community within the framework of racial harmony.”

-Amirul Hendra bin Abdul Rahman, Project Leader

Final actual expenditure account

Project Expenses		
Items	Actual Cost	Remark
Direct Equipment and Supplies	RM 1816.04	Equipment for modules, robotics electronics, cooking utensils, crafting tools, documentation and facilities used
Marketing and Event Support	RM 1089.27	Printed materials, meals, supplementaries
Total	RM 2905.31	

Student Expenses		
Items	Actual Cost	Remark
Travel	RM 687	Car rent fees and fuel
Total	RM 687	

Project expense	RM 2905.31
Student expense	RM 687
Grand Total	RM 3592.31