

# PTP's collaboration in building a library in Gelang Patah

PORT of Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd (PTP), a member of MMC Group in collaboration with Johor Port Authority (JPA) and Pelepas Terminal Inland Services Sdn Bhd (PTIS) had successfully built and handed over their first container library to Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas, Gelang Patah, Johor Bahru as part of a joint CSR education based project this year.

The official hand over and launching ceremony of the container library was officiated by Johor State Education, Human Resource, Science and Technology Committee Chairman Aminolhuda Hassan. Also present during the event were Johor State Public Works, Infrastructure & Transportation Committee Chairman Mohd Solihan Badri; Mayor of Iskandar Puteri Salehuddin Hassan; Chairman of JPA Rosnan Fathlal; CEO of PTP Marco Neelsen and MD of PTIS Mario Alberto Martinez.

With the aim to bring reading and studying activities in a comfortable and conducive setting closer to more than 80 students of the school, of which many of them come from the Orang Asli community, the Container Library project was initiated after a thorough studies made by PTP and JPA found that the school had not had a proper functioning library due to lack of space and unfitting facilities.

The project that began in August 2019, saw a total of nearly 100 volunteers from all three organisations joining forces to make the project a success.

The 40' x 40' refurbished container is equipped with air conditioning system and complete with book racks, chairs, tables and a wide range of publications, including children's books and reference books. The library can also accommodate up to 30 students at one time and can also be converted to an audio visual or activity room.

In his speech Aminolhuda applauded such collaboration and proactive initiative taken by PTP, JPA and PTIS to improve the standard of education in the local community as it is very well aligned with Johor State Government's aspiration to see more synergy between the private business entities and government agencies.

"The State Government is pleased to see leading private business entities in Johor such as PTP and PTIS are able to work cohesively with government agency like JPA and take proactive and responsible steps in spurring both economic and social development of the state.



(From Left to Right) Marco Neelsen, PTP Chief Executive Officer, Tuan Haji Rosnan Bin Fathlal, Chairman of Lembaga Pelabuhan Johor, Yang Berhormat Tn. Hj. Aminolhuda Bin Hj. Hassan, Johor State EXCO of Education, Human Resources, Science and Technology, Official Representative of Yang Amat Berhormat Johor Chief Minister, Yang Berhormat Tuan Sr. Dzulkefly Bin Ahmad, Johor State EXCO of Housing, Communication & Multimedia Mr Azman Bin Adnan, Director of Johr Education Department, Mr Johari Syuhadak, Headmaster of Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas, officiating the handover of the container library to Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas



Yang Berhormat Tn. Hj. Aminolhuda Bin Hj. Hassan, Johor State EXCO of Education, Human Resources, Science and Technology, Official Representative of Yang Amat Berhormat Johor Chief Minister with other guests experiencing the container library together with students of Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas

With this container library, students of Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas will now have the necessary platform for an enriching education," he said.

Speaking after the event, Rosnan remarked that the container library will be beneficial information resource for the students. "Education is one of JPA's corporate social responsibility pillars and it is our hope that with this container library, all the indigenous students will now have a place to head to for reference.

"We are very proud to participate in this collaborative effort to gift a library to a local school. We believe that the children and the society around the port is something that we need to invest on for the future of this area and this country," he said.

On the other hand, Neelsen commented that PTP continuously pursues initiatives to champion social causes by investing resources into taking care of the sustainability of its community and environment respectively.

"With the container library project, our aim is to build a library for the school students, particularly the Orang Asli community. The idea is that instead of giving money for a contractor to build the library, we build the library ourselves by paying for the materials and get our people to collaborate with JPA and PTIS to build the library with their own hands.

"This is so much more meaningful as we are not only able to foster good relationships and celebrate the spirit of togetherness amongst



Interior of the container library, a collaboration effort between PTP, JPA and PTIS



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PTP staff and the surrounding community, but most importantly to create more sustainable values beyond monetary gains," he added. Alisa Tepak, one of the Orang Asli students of Sekolah Kebangsaan Ladang Pendas said that she was happy and eager to use the new library.

"Since the old library had to be

accommodated for computer room, reading materials had to be arranged on racks along the classes foyer due to lack of space. When it rains, the books become wet or destroyed. I am so happy that my school got a new beautiful library. My friends and I cannot wait to read all donated books in this library," she said.