

## LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

# RM10m for KL school bus programme

Islamic religious council, City Hall team up to ensure children don't drop out of school

KALBANA PERIMBANAYAGAM  
KUALA LUMPUR  
news@nst.com.my

**T**HE Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) will contribute RM4.8 million to Kuala Lumpur City Hall to support the MySchoolBus@Wilayah programme, which provides safe, reliable transport for schoolchildren from low-income families under the Ilmu@Usaha Jaya Insan Programme.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the initiative was to prevent pupils from dropping out of school.

This year, 7,800 pupils from 140 public and low-cost private housing areas had registered for the programme, including 4,000 *asnaf* pupils who will benefit directly from MAIWP's contribution.

City Hall had also allocated RM5.2 million for the programme, bringing the total funding to RM10 million.

"This is a long-term investment to ensure our children don't drop out of education due to life's challenges," she said at the Nur Ramadan event in Masjid Saidina Hamzah, Kampung Batu Muda.

The Nur Ramadan programme aimed to assist 3,300 underprivileged individuals in the Federal Territories of Labuan, Putrajaya, and Kuala Lumpur.



Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa receiving a mock cheque from Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar at the Nur Ramadan event in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. Second from left is Batu member of parliament P. Prabakaran.

NSTP PIC BY AMIRUDIN SAHIB

At the event, Zaliha personally presented RM200 aid to 300 recipients, including orphans, senior citizens, single mothers, persons with disabilities and others in need. The rest will receive their aid in stages.

Recipients were selected from MAIWP's *asnaf* list, the eKasih system and the Social Welfare Department's records, covering categories such as the poor (*fakir* and  *miskin*), debtors (*al-gharimin*) and converts (*muallaf*).

Zaliha also presented a refurbished 12-seater school van to the mosque to provide transport to students.

Among those present were City Hall project management executive director Mohamad Hamim, Batu member of parliament P. Prabakaran and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar, who presented a donation from the department..