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Sharing is CARING

S P Setia Foundation recently appointed Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) as its strategic partner under the Setia Caring School Programme banner. The foundation exchanged a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with UPSI to carry out 14 projects focusing on underprivileged students nationwide.

UPSI is known as a leader in education for aspiring teachers and in education research as well as content and curriculum development. Thus, the institution of higher learning has been tasked to develop programmes that will benefit 500 students annually.

"It is such a great pleasure to have Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris on board the Setia Caring School Programme. This will definitely help extend our reach to more underperforming schools," says Tan Sri Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin, Chairman of S P Setia Foundation.

The foundation, which focuses on education and national unity, was founded with the objective of cultivating and promoting the idea of a caring society among students, teachers and parents.

Thus far, two projects, the Rethinking Nature and Environment Appreciation camps, have been successfully carried out



(From left) UPSI Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Noraini Idris, UPSI Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Zakaria Kasa and S P Setia Bhd Chairman Tan Sri Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin

since April 2016. These programmes were held in nine schools, namely SK Meru Jalan Tap, SJKC Lee Min and SJKT Ladang Vallambrosa in the Klang Valley; SK Felda Bukit Permai, SJKC Seelong and SJKT Kulai Besar in Johor; and SK Batu Ferringhi, SJKC Aik Hwa Georgetown and SJKT Tasek Permai in Penang.

Currently, there are several on-going projects such as Taman Herba, which exposes students to

natural herbs and techniques of maintaining a garden in schools, Unity Camp, Caring Prodigy Programme, and Unity through Music, among others.

As the response has been great so far, in order to further maximise the students' experience and to motivate them to be more successful in life, Zahid states that projects under this initiative will be documented with a special exhibition held to showcase the students' work from next year onwards. ■