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## **STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM RHB**

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** For eighteen-year-old Roslyana binti Ruslie, the sixth from amongst eight siblings, tertiary education was a far-cry to achieve her dreams to pursue a Chemical Engineering degree at a local university. Despite the odds, Roslyana from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Majakir Papar in Sabah, who was one of RHB X-Cel Programme student, overcame hurdles and made her parents proud with SPM scores of 9As and 1B. Today, RHB Foundation set her and 9 other selected students from low income families on the road to achieve lifelong dreams through the RHB X-Cel Star Scholarship Programme.

RHB Banking Group (RHB) through RHB Foundation, is the first banking group in the country to introduce a scholarship programme meant to benefit high performing youths from low-income families (B40). This morning, ten (10) B40 students who achieved excellent results in the 2018 SPM examinations and who had successfully undergone an extensive assessment, were awarded scholarships which will enable them to pursue tertiary education in Matriculation or Foundation and subsequently undergraduate studies in public and private universities in Malaysia. The students were awarded scholarships amounting up to RM60,000 each for four years of tertiary education.

“We have allocated up to RM2.4 million towards RHB X-Cel Star Scholarship Programme over the next 4 years until 2022, which will benefit at least 40 high potential youths from low-income families (B40). The scholarship will provide selected students access to educational opportunity at the tertiary level which will eventually contribute directly towards their families’ socio-economic well-being,” said Dato’ Khairussaleh Ramli, Chairman of RHB Foundation and Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group.

“RHB X-Cel is a structured learning programme that does not only focus on academic performance but also develops and nurtures the younger generations to become holistic young adults and Malaysia’s future leaders,” added Khairussaleh.

The RHB X-Cel Star Scholarship Programme allows students from low-income families to pursue their educational journey in various fields of studies that are relevant to the current and future workplace needs, such as Computer Science, Software engineering, Mechanical Engineering and other Engineering degree, Actuarial Science and Accounting & Finance. The scholarship covers course fees as well as allowances for books and living costs over the full duration of the course of studies at Matriculation / Foundation level and Undergraduate level.

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#### **About RHB Foundation**

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