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GMP donates more than SG\$25,000 to needy students in Thailand Staffing and HR consultancy gives scholarships to deserving undergraduates

Ten deserving Thai undergraduates received the GMP Scholarship at the inaugural GMP Scholarship Presentation ceremony held in Bangkok on 25 January 2008. The GMP scholarship, which was established in honour of GMP's late founder, Dr Giam Cheng Lan, is GMP's latest efforts in contributing back to the society.



Ms Teo Lay Cheng, deputy chief of mission to the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore (Front row: third from right), Ms Annie Yap, CEO of the GMP Group (third from left) with the guests from the Foundation for the Welfare of Needy Schoolchildren and scholarship recipients (Back row).

"Dr Giam was a firm believer in education," said Ms Annie Yap, chief executive officer of the GMP Group. "She believed that no one should be denied of a proper education because of financial constraints."

GMP has always been active in its corporate social responsibilities. Last year, GMP raised more than SG\$25,000 from staff donations, corporate sponsorships and the sale of its 2008 calendars and notebooks for the funding of the scholarships.

"We hope to be able to provide these needy youths a route to continuing education and a chance to contribute to society when they graduate," said Ms Yap.

Ms Yap also added that instead of focusing all its efforts in Singapore all the time, GMP will expand its community efforts to the regional countries, starting with those in which it has a physical presence. GMP set up its executive search division, GSI, in Bangkok in 2006.

GMP worked with the Foundation for the Welfare of Needy Schoolchildren under the royal patronage of Her Majesty the Queen to identify the ten deserving students. The Thai foundation provides assistance to needy students in their pursuit for further education in Thailand. The scholarships will cover the tuition fees and is given out on a yearly basis.

Ms Teo Lay Cheng, deputy chief of mission to the Embassy to the Republic of Singapore, was the guest of honour at the presentation ceremony in Bangkok. In her speech delivered at the ceremony, Ms Teo that she is confident that the scholarships that GMP has given out will help spur the recipients to achieve many great things in their later lives.