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**T**HERE are many ways to teach English with a newspaper, as schools present at a University College Sedaya International (UCSI) cheque presentation ceremony held recently in SMK Cochrane, Kuala Lumpur, can testify.

UCSI sponsored 10,000 copies of *The Star* for the benefit of SMK Cochrane, SMK Aminuddin Baki, Kuen Cheng High School, SMK Tengku Ampuan Rahimah and SMK Sri Sentosa, some of whom are already using the newspaper in the classroom.

"In conjunction with English Week last week, we had a newspaper-reading competition where we had to present a newspaper article to an audience," says SMK Cochrane Form Four student Choo Jwolin, 16.

The school's teacher, Kassina

# A great resource



Ghazali, says that it was compulsory for teachers in the school to utilise two teaching periods a month for Newspaper in Education (NiE) activities.

"We ask students to paste words and pictures cut from the newspapers in their composition book,"



Hey, let's try these activities in class.



Lim (third from left) presenting the mock cheque to SMK Cochrane principal Shamshiah Ahmad. Sharing their joy is Star Publications (M) Bhd circulation senior manager G. Damodaram (second from left) and teachers from Kuen Cheng High School and SMK Aminuddin Baki.

she explains.

"And whenever there is a new topic in the syllabus, we use newspapers to introduce the topic."

Over at Kuen Cheng High School, teacher Caryn Chung passionately believes that with the sponsorship of newspapers, lessons can be made more interesting. She uses newspapers as a resource for graded class presentation projects, such as selling a product using an advertisement in the paper.

"The students read, write, speak and come up with ideas for their projects based on what they read in the newspapers, so many skills are learnt through this. The paper is a great resource," Chung says, adding that newspapers have even helped her students prepare for the Peñilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) oral presentation.

"This is one way of encouraging students to read widely."

UCSI local marketing and busi-

ness development head Lim Boon Wah points out newspapers often contain useful examination tips and general knowledge.

The five schools started getting the sponsored newspapers in July and will do so till November.

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