

# RM6.3mil for 186 students

## 2,500 scholarships awarded since fund's inception

**PETALING JAYA:** Last year, Joel Dass and Kimberly Wong shared the stage with numerous scholarship recipients of the Star Education Fund, but this year they were in the spotlight hosting the event.

The dynamic duo kept students and guests at this year's presentation ceremony entertained with snippets about themselves, their ambitions and their take on each other.

"Three weeks ago, when I met Kimberly to prepare for this event, I never thought that brains and beauty could come in such a stunning package," Dass said to loud cheers.

Later, in her speech, Star Publications (M) Bhd deputy group chief editor Li Leanne Goh said thanks to the contribution of Star Education Fund's partners-in-education, almost 2,500 students had obtained scholarships worth RM6.0mil since the fund's inception.

Another 186 joined their ranks yesterday when they were awarded scholarships worth more than RM6.3mil to pursue their post-school and tertiary education.

Of the 4,000 applications received for this year's scholarships, the number was whittled down to about 1,100 candidates who were called for interviews.

Goh said the scholarship recipients would be a part of the work-

force that would help elevate Malaysia to a high-income nation by 2020, and that this was a major step in that direction for them.

She thanked the fund's partners-in-education, some of whom have been with the Star Education Fund since its inception in 1994.

"We would not be here this afternoon if not for the continued support from the private and foreign institutions of higher learning. As always, our heartfelt gratitude to our 41 partners-in-education this year," she said at the Star Education Fund presentation of awards ceremony 2010 at a hotel here yesterday.

Goh said the fund was honoured to have three new contributors — Swinburne University (Sarawak Campus), Singapore Institute of



**All smiles:** Scholars waiting for the start of the awards ceremony at Eastin Hotel in Petaling Jaya yesterday.

Management and The Otomotif College.

"Thank you for joining us in this noble cause and for contributing to the human resource development of this country," she said.

Goh also took the opportunity to share how the fund had helped previous recipients.

Among those present at the ceremony were group managing director and chief executive officer Datin Linda Ngiam and group general manager, business (print & new

media), Calvin Kan.

The fund is divided into two tiers, with the first consisting of contributions made by Star Publications (M) Bhd.

Scholarships under Tier 2 are from local and foreign institutions of higher learning.

Among the contributors are ALFA International College, Brickfields Asia College, City University College of Science and Technology, Equator Academy of Art, Penang, FTMS College, Han Chiang College, Penang,

HELP International College of Technology, HELP University College, IACT College, INTI International University, INTI College Subang Jaya, INTI International College Penang, ISBA UK Thinking Skills College & Academy, KDU University College, Petaling Jaya, KDU College, Penang, Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College, and Limkokwing University of Creative Technology.

The others are Management and Science University, Methodist College, Multimedia University, Pj College of Art and Design, PTPL Penang, Raffles International College, Saito College, SEGi University College, SEGi College Kuala Lumpur, SEGi College Subang Jaya, SEGi College Penang, SEGi College Sarawak, Sentral Technology College, Penang, Singapore Institute of Management, Stamford College, Sunway University College, Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus, Taylor's University College, The One Academy of Communication Design, The Otomotif College, The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, UCSI University and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

> See *StarEducation* this Sunday for more reports.