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BANK ISLAM PROVIDES 1,000 TABLETS AND INTERNET DATA PLANS FOR STUDENTS FROM UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES

More than RM600,000 allocated from BIMB Holdings Berhad, Zakat, AMAL and Sadaqa House Bank Islam Funds

KUALA LUMPUR, Monday, [1 March 2021]: Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad ("Bank Islam") and its parent company, BIMB Holdings Berhad ("BHB"), today delivered 30 mobile tablets equipped with an internet data plan to visually challenged families in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur. The delivery is a part of the total 1,000 tablets specially allocated to assist the students from selected asnaf, flood victims, and disabled families nationwide in their home-based teaching and learning ("PdPR") process. The delivery of the devices has been made in stages since 19 February 2021.

The initiative is in line with Goal 4 - Quality Education of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals ("UNSDG"). The devices' provision uses funds under BHB, Zakat, Bank Islam's corporate responsibility arm, AMAL, and the Bank's social finance public crowdfunding platform, Sadaqa House.

Chief Executive Officer of BHB and Bank Islam, Mohd Muazzam Mohamed, said, "Even though schools is reopening gradually, we believe that these tablets may continue to be useful for students. COVID-19 cases in the country are still uncertain, likely to cause the student learning process to occur online to curb the spread of pandemic among students. Concerned with the challenge faced by the students, we are donating the tablets equipped with a four-month internet data plan to ensure that the students are not missing out on their studies."

"As a Bank that Advances Prosperity for All, Bank Islam emphasises efforts towards bringing prosperity to customers from all walks of life and the community where we operate, disregarding race and religion. Education is one of our main focuses as we believe that it is an important tool in upgrading society's quality of life, especially for the underprivileged

segment. Aligned with digital transformation in the education sector, we hope the contribution made will bridge the existing digital gap," he said.

Mohd Muazzam added, "Bank Islam is grateful for this opportunity to make the students happy, while at the same time easing the burden faced by the families in obtaining the devices. The Bank is committed to distributing these devices to students nationwide and to date 500 devices have been handed over."

This initiative is under AMAL and Sadaqa House in collaboration with Bank Islam's strategic partners, namely Malaysian Foundation for the Blind ("MFB"), State Education Departments ("SED"), District Education Offices ("DEO"), State Zakat Authorities, Pertubuhan Dakwah Islamiah Sekolah-Sekolah Malaysia ("PEKDIS") and Celcom Axiata Berhad.

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