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### **Talented Ibanese scholar bags Great Eastern's Supremacy Scholarship**

**RM835,000 worth of scholarships to 13 deserving students**

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**Kuala Lumpur** – Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Berhad (Great Eastern Life) awarded thirteen (13) students with education scholarships worth RM835,000 through the Great Eastern Supremacy Scholarship Award recently.

20 year-old Endun Yvonne Lemma, the first ever Ibanese scholar recipient of the Supremacy Scholarship since its inception 19 years ago, was accompanied by both her parents from Niah and Mukah at the award presentation ceremony held in Menara Great Eastern. Thrilled to be selected for the scholarship she is self-taught in Japanese and plans to learn more foreign languages to enhance her future global experience. She alongside fellow scholarship recipient, Shanice Tan Jhia Wen will further their studies in Software Engineering and Economics respectively in University Malaya.

There were 375 applicants who have had to go through a stringent selection process and finally only thirteen (13) Supremacy Scholarship recipients made the cut. Besides achieving academic excellence, the recipients are also distinguished by their leadership qualities, sound values and commitment to improve the lives in our community.

Chief Executive Officer of Great Eastern Life, Dato Koh Yaw Hui, said "The Supremacy Scholarship Awards has been a platform for deserving young Malaysians to realise their dreams and contribute towards elevating the country to developed-nation status by 2020. It is our way of helping parents inspires their children to reach their fullest potential. We believe the brightest of our future leaders should not be held back by financial constraints. Since its inception in 1998, we have awarded a total of 170 scholarships amounting to RM12 million", he added.

The thirteen (13) recipients would be attending both public and private universities, taking courses like Actuarial Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Business Administration and Computer Science. Upon graduation, the scholars would then be placed in their respective fields within Great Eastern Life for a feel of the real-life working experience.

Great Eastern Life has been awarded as one of the Malaysia's 100 Leading Graduate Employers in the life insurance category for 7 consecutive years and won the AON Best Employers Award for the second year. The commitment in nurturing young children is further extended through Great Eastern Childrencare, a long-term community project established since 1995. The project focuses its effort on three core pillars namely education, health and wellness, and personal development when reaching out to children in need. Over the past 21 years more than RM2.3 million has been contributed to over 180 underprivileged children homes under the purview of the Department of Social Welfare or Jabatan Kebajikan Malaysia.

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