

## **THE BUKU PROJECT BY MIRI COUNTRY MUSIC FEST**

The Buku Project is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Mission linked to this year's Miri Country Music Festival. With the theme "One Book for Life", pre-loved books will be collected from members of the public, festival-goers and also MCMF performers, to be sorted and sent to two rural schools at Long Lama and Long Latei. For this CSR project, MCMF has collaborated with Knewton Global Schools, an international school in Miri who will lead the project.

### **Project Background & Mission**

Education is considered an important element of our community. It is a driver of development, and an instrument of reducing poverty and improving individual development, health, peace, and stability. However, access to education and equal opportunities can be difficult for rural communities due to various barriers such as logistics, finance or lack of other basic resources. The Buku Project aims to help address some of these issues, and contribute to the educational development of rural communities to help them overcome barriers in learning and make education more accessible.

## **Beneficiaries**

### **1. SMK Long Lama**

Long Lama is a town located in the Marudi District, Sarawak. It is situated around a 2.5-hour drive outside of Miri. It is a 117-year-old-town with a population of around 37,028. SMK Long Lama is a secondary school that serves the local population and is situated about 1.6km away from Long Lama small town. The school has a student population of 687 students divided among 28 classes, with an average of 30 students per class. There are 56 teachers who teach here. The age range of secondary school children are between 13 to 18 years old.

### **2. Pre-school at Long Latei**

Long Latei is located at Long Bedian, Sarawak, also in the Marudi District. Located around 62 kilometers from the town of Long Lama, it takes almost 3 hours to travel there. Here, the village has 112 households with a population of 405 people (and growing). It has expanded from a village of only 37 households from when it was established in 1985.

Long Latei has a pre-school, Tadika Long Latei, which consists of 1 teacher and a kindergarten assistant, with 25 children in the class. Children from 5-6 years old will attend this school, after which they attend a boarding school at Long Bedian or Bakong.

## Target

This year MCMF targets to collect at least 500 used or new books that will be used by the children and teenagers in Long Lama and Long Latei. The books will be sorted into 2 categories:

School	Age category	Target
SMK Long Lama (secondary school)	13 – 18 years old	300 books
Tadika Long Latei (pre-school)	5 – 6 years old	200 books
Total		500 books

## Conclusion

The Buku Project represents an ongoing legacy by the Miri Country Music Festival, to give back to the community by providing education resources and support to our rural communities.

## Update

With the help of Knewton Global Schools, the collection of used books has seen great response. Book collection boxes are placed in Miri at Pustaka Negeri Sarawak Library, Pullman Hotel Miri, and Mega Hotel Miri.



Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Miri

11 November at 15:31 · 🌐



Ppm Kump Sarawak is at Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Miri.

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Jumaat, 11 Novemehr 2022 | Penyerahan buku Bookshare kepada wakil dari Miri Country Music Festival Pn. Helen Laing untuk program CSR kepada SMK Long Lama dan Tadika Long Latei yang diserahkan oleh En. Razak bin Rambili, Pengurus Wilayah Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Miri untuk bahan bacaan pelajar sekolah tersebut. Buku yang diderma adalah terdiri daripada buku kanak-kanak dan buku rujukan.

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