

UKM the latest varsity to team up with YTL

KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia is the latest tertiary education institution to join YTL Foundation's Learn From Home initiative.

Not only will UKM students and faculties get free Yes 4G SIM cards with 40GB of data, the university's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities is working with YTL Foundation and FrogAsia to develop lessons in Bahasa Melayu and English for Year One to Form Five students.

These lessons will add to the English, Mathematics and Science lessons already available to parents and students under the initiative.

Thirty undergraduate and post-graduate students from the English

Language Studies Programme, Linguistics Programme and Malay Language Studies Programme will join the fellows and alumni from Teach For Malaysia in developing engaging online lessons that students can access to continue learning from home while schools are still closed.

During the final semester of their undergraduate studies, these students will undergo an eight-week industrial placement.

"We are delighted that YTL Foundation is once again working with UKM on a programme that will benefit the students in the country," said foundation chairman Tan Sri Dr Francis Yeoh.

"We recently collaborated with

the university's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities to research the effectiveness of redesigned, technology-enabled classrooms on teacher pedagogy and student learning behaviour which subsequently formed the basis of several published academic papers.

"The use of technology in education is something that UKM understands well and we could not have a better partner to develop online Bahasa Melayu and English lessons."

As a result of the movement control order, UKM's teaching and learning process has now shifted to 100% online classes and lectures.

"We started online teaching and learning from April 27.

"I am very much aware and understand that not every student is equipped with Wi-Fi or good Internet connection at home.

"This initiative will help reduce the burden of students, especially those who depend on mobile data for online learning and to stay connected with their lecturers," said UKM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor.

The collaboration with YTL Foundation is a double celebration for UKM as the university is celebrating its 50th anniversary tomorrow.

The Learn From Home Initiative is open for applications for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards from UKM students and faculty until June 9, 2020.

Other universities who have joined the initiative included Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Universiti Pahang Malaysia, New Era University College and Malaysian Institute of Art.

YTL Foundation also announced that the closing date for applications for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards as well as nominations for the free mobile phone with 120GB of data for 12 months for students in B40 households would be extended to June 9, 2020.

To register for the FrogPlay Mobile revision quiz app and lessons in English, Mathematics and Science from Year One to Form Five, go to www.ytlfoundation.org/learn.