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`Big brothers, sisters' to help MRSM students

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) students will soon have "big brothers and sisters" to turn to when in need, thanks to a programme organised by Mara Former Students Association or Ansara.

The programme, scheduled to begin next year, was launched by the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsuddin Osman, just before the closing of the Young Malay Professionals Congress today.

Under the programme themed Sirih Pulang Ke Gagang (Going back to the roots), Ansara members will help promote the image of MRSM schools, guide students on their careers and get involved in activities that will uplift the spirit of current MRSM students.

"This is our way of giving something back to Mara and MRSM... for teaching us not only academically, but also about life," Ansara president Mukhriz Mahathir said.

He added that Ansara would conduct visits to MRSM schools and interact with the students to promote a sense of belonging among them.

There are 29 MRSM schools nationwide, but Mara is planning to build another seven by next year. Since the first MRSM school was set up in 1972, it has managed to produce more than 40,000 graduates, of which 75 per cent are now professionals.

"Ansara has only managed to recruit 3,000 members so far. We hope more former students of MRSM would join us," Mukhriz said.

Those who wants to join Ansara or are interested in the organisation could log on to [www.ansara.org](http://www.ansara.org).

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