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MRSM alumni to raise funds

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Ansara, or the Mara Junior Science Colleges (MRSM) Former Students' Association is aiming to collect RM1 million during its National Telethon for Education 2004.

President Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said the telethon allowed MRSM alumni to "give back to society".

"Being an alumni association, our focus is on education. Proceeds will go towards our fund for underprivileged pupils."

Mukhriz said eligible pupils would receive either monthly allowances, school books or uniforms, school fees or study loans.

Telethon proceeds will also go towards maintaining tuition centres set up with Angkatan Pemuda Warisan Malaysia (Pewaris), or the Malaysian Youth Front.

The five tuition centres at Sungai Buloh, Sungai Plong, Kampung Melayu Subang, Subang Perdana and Kampung Sungai Gajah are open to underprivileged children of all ethnic backgrounds.

Pupils at the Akademi Damai tuition centre in Sungai Buloh will benefit from the telethon, the first of its kind organised by Ansara.

The public may pledge donations to Ansara's Tabung Harapan Ihsan Pelajar from Feb 10 to March 1.

Pledges may be made either via the short messaging service, telephone or through corporate donations.