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## **HSBC PARTNERS UP IN THE PROJECT TO IMPROVE ENGLISH IN RURAL SCHOOLS (PIERS) IN SABAH**



(From left) HSBC Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Irene M. Dorner, Sabah State Education Department Head of Academic Management Sector Hajah Nuri Binri Udin, Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad Managing Director Datuk Edward Lee Ming Foo and CfBT Education Malaysia Senior Manager Chris Frankland at the PIERS Sabah launch

HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad partnered with Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad to sponsor the Project to Improve English in Rural Schools (PIERS), a 2-year educational training programme for primary school teachers in Sabah, conducted by CfBT Education Malaysia, with the support of the Sabah State Education Department.

Having concluded the first phase in Negeri Sembilan, the second phase of PIERS will focus on primary schools in rural Tawau this year and Lahad Datu next year. The first phase of PIERS programme successfully trained 114 teachers from 28 rural primary schools in the district of Port Dickson, Jempol and Serting in Negeri Sembilan. In the second phase, HSBC's contribution will benefit an additional 42 teachers from 16 rural primary schools in Tawau, Sabah.

The programme aims to raise the proficiency of English among primary school teachers in subjects taught in English, such as Mathematics, Science and English. It also aims to improve teaching methodology of Mathematics and Science used by the teachers.

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