

PRESS RELEASE

30,000 USM Students to Get Free Sim Cards under YTL Foundation's Learn From Home Initiative

Wednesday, 22 April 2020: With the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) going into the sixth week, most universities in the country have moved into online platforms in order that lectures can continue. In the case of Universiti Sains Malaysia (“USM”), a large majority of their 30,000 students are staying at home during the MCO and are slowly adjusting to online remote learning from the comfort of their homes.

Under a collaboration with USM, YTL Foundation is extending its Learn From Home Initiative to include students from USM. From today, students from USM can apply for free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards with 40 GB of data valid for 60 days. Each student is entitled to one free SIM card only.

YTL Foundation has supported students pursuing degrees in tertiary institutions since 1997 and over the years have granted scholarships to many talented students from USM. Enabling their students to access their online lectures and resources will ensure that none of their students will be left behind due to a lack of affordable and high speed data.

USM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability and Institutional Development), Professor Dr. Md. Roslan Hashim said, “USM is well pleased with this timely collaboration with YTL Foundation. We truly appreciate the Foundation for providing the Learn From Home free Yes 4G SIM cards in supporting the move by the University to implement and facilitate online learning activities for its students during this period of the COVID-19 outbreak.”

The Learn From Home Initiative is open for applications for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards from USM students and parents with children in government schools and independent Chinese Secondary Schools until 31 May 2020.

Please visit www.ytlfoundation.org/learn to apply for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards and to register for the FrogPlay Mobile revision quiz app and lessons in English, Mathematics and Science from Standard 1 to Form 5. For regular updates on the initiative, follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/ytlfoundation> or @ytlfoundation on Instagram and Twitter.

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About YTL Foundation

YTL Foundation (421570-A) was founded in 1997 on the belief that education is the basis on which every society progresses. By developing and improving education in the communities in which it operates, YTL Foundation aims to empower individuals and communities to be catalysts of change to enrich and benefit society. Over the years, YTL Foundation has provided aid to deserving individuals who would otherwise be denied opportunities to pursue higher education. More recently, YTL Foundation expanded its role; organising workshops, talks and conferences to enrich and inspire educators, students and parents, as well as programmes to bring 21st Century teaching and learning into schools. Through programmes, funding, thought leadership and by championing the use of technology, backed by the YTL Group's 65 year heritage of nation building, YTL Foundation hopes to build better societies, through better education.

For more information about YTL Foundation, kindly visit www.ytlfoundation.org

About University Sains Malaysia

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA, a public institution of higher learning established under the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, is Malaysia's premier public university with research and teaching facilities, experience, and a multi-disciplinary team of experts from among its staff members to undertake the creation, development, dissemination and application of knowledge that can contribute towards achieving the Malaysian Government's goal of nation building. USM has set its mission to be "a pioneering, trans-disciplinary research intensive university that empowers future talents and enables the bottom billions to transform their socio-economic well-being".

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