

# Grants for female students

AN ASSOCIATION presented 10 small education grants worth a total of RM19,000 to eight postgraduate students and two matriculation students, all of whom are female.

The grants, which are also called “gifts” as they came with no obligations, were worth RM2,000 each for the postgraduates and RM1,500 each for the matriculation students.

The grants were in some cases to assist the deserving students to register for their post-graduate programmes and, in other cases, to aid their presentations abroad.

For the matriculation students, it was to help them with their college expenses.

The grants were given by the Miss Malaysia India Care Association (MMICare Association).

The postgraduate students who received the awards were Jessica Jeyanthi, Cherrie Teh Chew Peng and Phua Qian Yi who are studying at Universiti Sains Malaysia, Nor Idayu Abd Wahab and Yogeswari Murugan at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Subathra Sinniah and Archina Buthiyappan at Universiti Malaya, and Nurul Nazli Rosli at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The two matriculation student recipients were Renuka Devi, who studying at Pahang



**No strings attached:** The recipients pose for a group photo with Ramani (fifth from left) after the presentation ceremony.

Matriculation College, and Ashvini Sanjeevi, who is studying at Kelantan Matriculation College.

National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia deputy president Datuk Ramani Gurusamy presented the

awards to the students. Also present were Tan Sri Dr M. Mahadevan and Tan Sri Dr M. Kayveas, who is special advisor to the Transport Minister.

“The funds were raised through donations and by the reigning winners of the Miss

Malaysia Indian Global through their community projects,” said MMICare Association president Harnesh Kaur.

“We have been doing this as part of our commitment to the girls in our community. We encourage the winners to develop community projects in aid of this grant or scholarship that comes with no strings attached,” she said.

The MMICare Association is a registered volunteer women's NGO. It was set up in 2002 and members are direct participants of the annual Miss Malaysia Indian Global (MMIGlobal) pageants.

The Small Education Grants Award was initiated in 2002 as part of the MMIGlobal winners prizes.

The grants helped the then winners with funds for their diplomas and degree courses. The award has since evolved and was extended to include postgraduate students in 2011.

The awards is one of several sustainable initiatives by the MMICare Association and its Gift Her with Life Fund programme. The programme is the main recipient of funds raised at the annual MMIGlobal pageant charity gala.