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FOUR-YEAR-OLD INITIATIVE: Grit, hard work and a determination to succeed has helped Saiful Anwar Abdul Rani, 20, overcome many obstacles to not only pursue a subject close to his heart, but also obtain the Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia (PIDM) scholarship to finance his studies.

Saiful, who is from Puchong, Selangor, will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Law and Syariah at University of Malaya.

Meanwhile, for Choong Hooi Yee, 20, her mother is the role model who has inspired her to study hard to pursue her dreams.

"I am so happy to receive this scholarship as I can pursue my dream course in Accounting at Universiti Utara Malaysia. I hope to help improve the quality of life for my family, especially my mother," says Choong, who is from Penang.

A special feature of the grant is its mentoring programme where each scholar is assigned to a mentor from among the corporation's management team to provide coaching throughout their course of study.

"While I was growing up, my parents were always my source of inspiration to excel. Now that I am away from home, I am so happy to

have a mentor to help guide me throughout my studies," says Gayathri Raman, 19, from Butterworth, Penang, who will be pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) in Accounting at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

In addition to Saiful Anwar, Choong and Gayathri, there were seven other scholars.

With the 10 new scholars, this brings the total number to 35 under the initiative that was introduced in 2010. The scholarship comes without a bonding and provides for tuition fees and living expenses as well as books and equipment.



PIDM board of directors with the scholars.