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**30 Years of Impact: PNB Continues to Shape Malaysia's
Future Talent**

*Nearly RM570 million invested in education and talent development
initiatives nurturing more than 6,000 scholars since 1996*

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 September 2026: Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) today marked the 30th anniversary of its scholarship programme, celebrating three decades of investing in Malaysian talent and developing generations of scholars who have gone to contribute across PNB, Corporate Malaysia, public institutions and wider society.

The milestone was commemorated at a special event attended by Finance Minister II, YB Senator Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan, YM Raja Tan Sri Dato' Seri Arshad Raja Tun Uda, Group Chairman of PNB, and Dato' Rizal Rickman Ramli, President and Group Chief Executive of PNB, alongside PNB scholar alumni from across generations. In conjunction with the milestone, PNB also launched PNB Lumina, a platform for PNB scholar alumni to connect, mentor, inspire, and give back to society.

Since its establishment in 1996, the PNB Scholarship Programme has evolved from a scholarship initiative supporting a small pioneer cohort into one of PNB's longest-standing talent development platforms. Through sustained investment in education, professional development and leadership building, the programme has helped create opportunities for generations of young Malaysians while strengthening Malaysia's future talent pipeline, remaining steadfast even through period of economic uncertainty and the pandemic.

The programme began with just 10 students. Today, it has supported 6,547 scholarship recipients through a broad range of learning pathways spanning secondary and tertiary education, technical and vocational training (TVET), professional and heritage-related programmes, with a cumulative investment of nearly RM570 million.

Over the years, the scholarship programme has expanded to provide opportunities through initiatives such as the PNB Global Scholarship Award, PNB Merdeka Scholarship Award, Yayasan Tun Ismail Excellence Award, PNB Chartered Accountant Initiative, Bantuan Untuk Pendidikan (BUDI) PNB, BUDI TVET and other education and professional development

programmes. Beyond financial support, scholars are provided with academic preparation, mentoring, internships, international exposure and continuous development opportunities to realise their potential and prepare for future leadership roles.

Key milestones in the programme's journey include the establishment of Kolej Ilmu PNB in 1998, the first local scholarship intake in 2004, the introduction of BUDI PNB in 2019 to support students from underserved communities, and BUDI TVET in 2024 to support students pursuing technical and vocational education pathways.

Three Decades of Impact

Over the years, PNB scholar alumni have pursued their studies at leading institutions in Malaysia and abroad, including the University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Harvard University, Cornell University, Imperial College London, University College London, and London School of Economics and Political Science.

More importantly, many have gone on to contribute across key sectors of the Malaysian economy and society. While 333 PNB scholar alumni currently serve within the organisation, scholar alumni also make up 30% of PNB's Management Executive Committee (MEXCO), reflecting the programme's role in developing PNB's long-term leadership pipeline.

Beyond PNB, scholar alumni hold leadership and professional positions across government-linked investment companies (GLICs), government-linked companies (GLCs), ministries, public institutions and the private sector, as well as in public service, policymaking, academia and entrepreneurship. These achievements reflect the programme's wider impact in developing talent not only for PNB, but also for the nation.

Investing in Talent, Strengthening Malaysia's Future

The PNB Scholarship Programme reflects PNB's commitment to developing Bumiputera talent and contributing to Malaysia's long-term prosperity. This commitment to human capital development supports the aspirations of Ekonomi MADANI, including strengthening Malaysia's competitiveness, expanding opportunities and enabling greater social and economic mobility.

YM Raja Tan Sri Dato' Seri Arshad Raja Tun Uda, Group Chairman of PNB said, "PNB remains committed to investing in people and nurturing future generations of talent whose contributions can create wider impact for society and the nation. The PNB Scholarship Programme reinforces PNB's purpose of uplifting the financial lives of Malaysians across generations, with its investment in human capital complementing its broader role in creating long-term value for Bumiputera, Malaysians and the nation."

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