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# **PROJECT UPDATE**

On January, out tutors and staffs went to schools in the Cipanas promoting courses offered by YUM- Vocational Training Centre. Their presentation received a warm welcome especially at the two best schools in Cipanas; SMAN Pacet and SMK Al-Hasyiniyah. These two schools are favorite schools in the area where YUM serves. We were also helped by the VTC students, who distributed flyers in their schools.



In April, a group of lecturers from STKS (Sekolah Tinggi Kesejahteraan Sosial) Bandung visited the YUM- VTC for research purposes on Poverty Elimination Model. YUM'S VTC alumni is one of their subject of observations. The lecturers interviewed and visited the alumni in their houses. They also invited them to come to the VTC's building to participate in a Focus Group Discussion. According to them, YUM has proven to have a comprehensive program that helps the people in the area especially the youth and the unemployed. They also suggested that YUM make a special vocational training program outside of YUM's site; this program will reach out to students who have no transportation to go to the VTC.

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## THE COMPUTER CLASS

All of the computer classes this term were running on the weekends. There were 3 Basic and 1 Intermediate computer classes.

From all of the courses, there were 199 registered students: 66 computer class students, 84 English class students and 49 sewing class students. At the end of the term, 140 students graduated and were granted a certificate, and 50 of them were from the Computer class.

According to our tutors, some of the students were not able to continue because of their school activities or they got job placements. The VTC is still struggling with the Full Day School system, which is consuming all of the students' time to study and stay at school.





The students feel very satisfied with the course material and the opportunity to practice with a computer during the class. If they had problems or needed more explanations, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Deden would not hesitate to help them. Even when the class time is over, our tutors were willing to stay in the class to help the students. The computer course has also proven to help the students with their school works.

Here are some of computer class students testimonial at the end of the course:



"Learning about computer nowadays is compulsory, especially for anyone who wishes to get a job after graduating from high school. I love studying at the YUM VTC because it is located in a strategic area. The facilities are also very complete, I can go to the library to find books related to computers which could help me to learn more."

#### Doni , high school student

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"At the YUM VTC, I learned to use a computer from very basic skills. My Tutor is Mr. Ryan is very friendly. I never felt bored during the lesson in class. I want to find a job after graduating from high school. The YUM VTC has complete facilities for a very small amount of fee. "

#### Yola, High School student



"Since I learned how to use a computer at the YUM VTC, my school home work from the Computer class at school has become easier. I am still learning to use Word and Excel better. It is not easy to understand the computer lessons at Intermediate class, but I will not give up. I really want to have good skills in operating a computer."

Essa, High School students.

### The Job Seeking Skill Workshop

The first Job Seeking Skill workshop was held on March 16th. There were 34 students who participated in this event. In the first session with Mr. Dayat as the keynote speaker, the students learned how to make an interactive curriculum vitae and application letter. Mr. Dayat is a teacher at one of the vocational tourism schools in Cipanas. In the second session on April 6th with Mr. Samsul, the students did a simulation of a job interview. Mr. Samsul accidently chose a group of shy students to do the role play. This activity really gave the students a new experience.

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Thanks to the Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation, the first batch of the Computer Class in 2018 has finished successfully. The Computer Class plays an essential role to help the students, especially the high school students, to complete their school work and for those who are not able to continue their study to university or college, this skill will support them in looking for a job.

YUM wishes to continue providing high qualified tutors and great facilities through the Vocational Training Centre in Cipanas, which has given many youth hope and opportunity to change their life. Thank you PHMF!

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