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Party for a worthy cause

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GET together with old friends and teachers for a good cause.

Bukit Bintang Girls' School (BBGS) is celebrating its 121st anniversary!

BBGS Alumni Berhad chairman Moey Yoke Lai said the reunion is open to all former students (BBGSians) regardless of what year they attended the school.

"Everyone is welcome, from BBGSians to family members and well-wishers, including companies and those who want to do their part to build up our nation," added Moey who is also Methodist College

Kuala Lumpur ceo.

The reunion dinner will be held on Oct 11 at the Taming Sari grand ballroom, Royale Chulan Hotel in Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur from 630pm.

The diamond table costs RM15,000, emerald table RM10,000, ruby table RM5,000 and sapphire table RM2,500.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to the Elena Cooke Education Fund, which was set up in memory of BBGS' beloved former principal who passed away in May 2012.

"We hope corporate companies will also donate generously," said Moey.

Administered by BBGS Alumni

Berhad, the fund provides scholarships or financial aid to underprivileged young people to help them pursue higher education after completing Form Five.

"Recipients need not be top scorers, but should be diligent in their studies and have the potential to succeed," she shared.

Eight youths have benefited since the fund began giving out scholarships two years ago.

"We have three scholars at Sunway College, two at KBU International College and three at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur.

"We are in the process of signing MoUs with other colleges to make special arrangements for the selec-

tion of scholars," she said.

Moey said the invitation to attend the reunion was for all BBGSians who have benefitted from the excellent education they received from BBGS and whose lives have been touched in some way.

She encouraged all to remember the fun fairs, food sales and collections for the less fortunate carried out in the past.

"I think nothing would give greater joy to Miss Cooke and all our former principals than to know that BBGSians are continuing to live out the values we learnt in BBGS. This was the legacy they left for us.

"BBGS girls all over the world, not just in Malaysia, please take heed of this message and send us your contributions if you cannot come back to join us in this celebration of a 121-year of education legacy," she said.

Cooke was the first Malaysian principal of BBGS and served from 1958 to 1977. She was also a student, teacher and later BBGS board of governors chairman. BBGS became a premier school in Malaysia through several initiatives carried out by Cooke.

BBGS, which was located on Jalan Bukit Bintang, became one of the country's first smart schools. The buildings were later demolished and the school, which is no longer known by its original name,



Moey urges all BBGSians to live by the values they learnt as students.

was relocated to the Smart School Complex in Taman Shamelin Perkasa in Cheras. The complex now houses SK Seri Bintang Utara, SK Seri Bintang Selatan, SMK Seri Bintang Utara and SMK Seri Bintang Selatan.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala will be the guest of honour at the reunion dinner.

"He is kind enough to agree to honour us with his presence at the dinner in spite of his busy schedule because he knows that we are working for a worthy cause. His wife Datin Seri Pang Ngan Yue is also an old girl of BBGS," said Moey.

The theme of the reunion is "Night of a Thousand Stars".

Guests will be entertained by Harith Iskander and Juwita Suwito (who studied at BBGS). There will also be a choir presentation by BBGSians.

For more information, visit <http://bbgs.com.my/events/121anni/> or e-mail bbgs121anniv@gmail.com.

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