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Sports scholarships
to nurture
world-class athletes

Jeffrey Cheah (back row, eighth from right) with Johari Abdul Ghani (back row, ninth from right) and JCF Sports Scholarship recipients as well as the other members of the foundation's board of trustees.

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THE Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF) has allocated RM60 million worth of scholarships to more than 4,000 students under the Sunway Education Group for the year 2017.

Its founding trustee Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah said this brought the total sum of scholarships awarded by the foundation to RM330 million to date.

He said this during a recent scholarship and awards presentation ceremony to 500 of its scholars at Sunway College.

Cheah added that the students in higher learning institutions under Sunway Education Group were also all-rounded.

"Current and former Sunway University and Sunway College students also brought home seven gold, three silver and three bronze medals for the country at the recent Kuala Lumpur Sea Games," he said.

Recently Sunway University's Julian

Yee, also a recipient of the foundation's sports scholarship, became the first Malaysian figure skater to qualify for the Winter Olympics.

This year the foundation will be giving out 31 sports scholarships to help develop additional world-class athletes.

The JCF Community Scholarships have also awarded 20 scholarships a year to those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This number has grown to a total of 185 recipients over the years.

The JCF has also sent three high achievers to the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford to pursue their tertiary education.

Since the establishment of the Sunway Education Trust 30 years ago, which evolved into the non-profit JCF in 2010, thousands of students under the Sunway Education Group have benefitted from its scholarships.

Also present at the event was Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.