SEVENTY-FIVE high achieving students received a one-off education incentive from Road Engineering Association of Malaysia (REAM) recently as part of its mission to promote tertiary education in the civil engineering discipline, including road infrastructure and transportation in the local public universities.

The total amounting to RM112,500 were for students from 10 universities — Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (Unimap).

During the recent presentation ceremony, Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said: "The efforts taken by REAM are not only advancing knowledge in road engineering but also fostering social interaction and networking among the road industry's fraternity. Events such as this allow people from the industry to renew their acquaintances and further strengthen their friendship, which will lead to greater cooperation and exchange of ideas for the benefit of the industry."

At the event, five final-year civil engineering students also received the President’s Final Year Best Civil Engineering Student Project Award. Each received RM2,000, a medal and a certificate. The recipients of the award were Fatin Nabihah Suhaime (UMP), Norfazrinah Ab Rahman (UMP), Muhammad Faiz Zainal (Unimap), Valiant David Branch (Universiti Malaysia Sabah) and Komala Devi Sundararajan (UTHM). Since the establishment of Education Fund as part of REAM’s corporate social responsibility in 2010, the association has awarded RM460,000 to 325 students.