

# press release

## **Walking With Purpose: Dutch Lady Milk Industries Berhad Leads with Compassion in Sarawak**

**SARAWAK, 7 August 2025:** Dutch Lady Milk Industries Berhad (DLMI) is turning words into action, showing what purposeful corporate responsibility looks like in practice.

At Sekolah Kebangsaan Belieng in rural Sarawak, the company's top leadership led by Managing Director Veronika Utami, stood shoulder to shoulder with schoolchildren and educators, not just to distribute milk, but to fulfil a promise made in both, contract and conscience.

Under the Sarawak School Milk Programme 2025–2029, DLMI will deliver 73 million packs of milk to 77,000 students across the state over five years, but for DLMI, this is far more than a logistical exercise. It is a living example of the company's deep belief that nourishing a generation starts with being present; physically, purposefully and compassionately.

"Our journey didn't start today," said Utami. "From 2011 to 2024, Dutch Lady delivered over 228 million packs of milk to schoolchildren nationwide. That track record has built trust with parents, educators and policymakers. Now in Sarawak, we're going beyond compliance by fulfilling our responsibility with heart and presence."

DLMI's management team was visibly engaged throughout the event, reinforcing the company's philosophy that leadership is not confined to boardrooms. Whether in urban centres or remote villages, DLMI is making its purpose felt on the ground by showing up, listening and working hand-in-hand with communities.





This commitment goes beyond nutrition. DLMI is also expanding its Program Murid Angkat, an initiative launched in 2024 that offers sustained academic and personal development support for underperforming students from Malaysia's B40 income group. The programme reflects DLMI's holistic approach by recognising that children need both, nourishment and opportunity to thrive.

"This is our proactive step to ensure no child is left behind," added Utami. "Every child deserves not only healthy nutrition but a real chance to succeed in school and life. That's the future we're investing in."

DLMI is setting a benchmark for what it means to be a values-driven corporate partner by combining quality dairy nutrition with targeted educational support to shape a healthier, more confident and capable generation of Malaysians.

"We're not just delivering milk, we are showing up for our communities. We're building the Malaysia of tomorrow by helping to shape a generation that is prepared for the future. And that is a future worth building," Utami concluded.

This statement not only reinforces DLMI's immediate contributions in Sarawak, but positions the company as a nation-building partner with a clear, long-term vision.

#### **About Dutch Lady Milk Industries Berhad**

Incorporated in 1963, Dutch Lady Milk Industries Berhad (DLMI) is a leading dairy company in Malaysia. It is owned by one of the largest dairy cooperative companies in the world, Royal FrieslandCampina NV, a Dutch multinational dairy company. We were the first milk company to be listed on Bursa Malaysia in 1968, and the first to introduce Formulated Milk Powder for Children in Malaysia in 1988.

Staying true to our purpose of Nourishing Our Planet and People in Every Stage of Life, DLMI manufactures and sells a wide range of quality dairy products for the home and export market. Through a unique collaboration between FrieslandCampina and four international research teams/universities, we initiated the South East Asian Nutrition Surveys (SEANUTS) study in 2009, involving four countries – Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand. SEANUTS is the largest and most extensive nutrition and health study ever done in South-East Asia, wherein 16,744 children up to 12 years old were surveyed over a four-year period. The follow-up SEANUTS II was conducted between 2019 – 2021 involving 14,000 children in the four countries. More information can be found at [www.dutchlady.com.my](http://www.dutchlady.com.my)





#### **About FrieslandCampina**

FrieslandCampina is a large international dairy company with a cooperative history dating back more than 150 years. The company processes milk into nutritious dairy products, such as milk, yoghurt, condensed milk, dairy-based beverages, cheese, butter, quark and cream. The dairy company supplies specific nutrition for specific consumer groups, such as children, the elderly and sportspeople. Professional customers, such as bakers, pastry chefs, chocolate confectioners, chefs and caterers can rely on FrieslandCampina for a broad range of products, including creams, butters, desserts and fillings. The company also supplies high-quality ingredients to food producers and pharmaceutical companies. Dutch, Belgian and German dairy farmers jointly own the company through Zuivelcoöperatie FrieslandCampina U.A. For additional information: [www.frieslandcampina.com](http://www.frieslandcampina.com).

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