PETALING JAYA: As a student studying for Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), Ho Chang Hong realised that his nervousness made him repeat certain actions. He would check his exam questions over and over again and repeatedly wash his hands to calm himself.

Researching his repetitive behaviour, he discovered the world of clinical psychology and the need for expertise in the area. He applied to the Star Education Fund and obtained a scholarship for an undergraduate degree in Clinical Psychology at Sunway University.

“I hope my experiences will allow me to better understand my patients and relate to them in my work as a future psychologist,” he said.

Meanwhile, Yvonne Tan Yi Wen expressed her thanks for having received a full scholarship from the Star Education Fund to study her A-Levels at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur.

“Coming from a single parent family, my mother and I are very thankful for this aid.”

The Star's deputy group chief editor II Leanne Goh thanked the private and foreign institutions of higher learning for their continued support.

“Our heartfelt gratitude to our 27 partners in education this year; some of whom have been with us for a long time,” she said at the Star Education Fund 20th anniversary celebrations and presentation of scholarships.

Goh also thanked UCSI University which has been a partner of the fund since it was established in 1994.

“This year, 157 scholarships valued at almost RM7mil will be awarded,” she said.

Goh advised the scholarship recipients not to just acquire paper qualification but to go on an adventure of knowledge and skills acquisition.

After the presentation of awards, guests left with a copy of StarEducate.

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Thankful: Ho (right) and Tan posing with their certificates after receiving their scholarships from The Star Education Fund.

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