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Grateful for grant to go to Oxford

PETALING JAYA: Ipoh-born Vivien Ho Wei Wen, 20, became the first recipient of the Oxford-Jeffrey Cheah Graduate Scholarship at Sunway University here yesterday.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from University of California, Los Angeles, and graduated with a 3.94 CGPA.

“I was offered by Oxford University to study there, but I didn’t have the funds.

“The university’s science department contacted the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation and here we are today,” she said.

“I received the offer via email and was so thrilled that I called



Founding Trustee of Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah (second from right), awarding Vivien Ho (second from left) the Oxford-Jeffrey Cheah Graduate Scholarship in Petaling Jaya yesterday. With him is British High Commissioner Vicki Treadell (left). PIC BY ROHANIS SHUKRI

my parents right away.”

The Permata pintar National Gifted Centre alumna said she had loved science since she was a child and her parents had always supported her passion.

“My parents were very supportive and bought me encyclopaedia sets and other books. So, I always had exposure to various science books.

“I always had high expectations for myself and always hoped for the best. Determination is key,” Ho said.

She will start her doctorate in Developmental Bio-Science at Oxford University on Sept 20.

The scholarship was launched by British High Commissioner Vicki Treadell and JCF founding trustee Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah.

Sunway University, which is governed and owned by the foundation, had first partnered with Brasenose College of the University of Oxford in 2015. The agreement allows a two-way flow of scholars between the universities.

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