

School to open next year

SJK (C) Wangsa Maju in Taman Danau Desa to be completed in November



1 The construction of the school will be completed in November.

2 Yew (left) showing Yap (second from left) around the hall while other board members look on.

3 Chua (left) presenting a RM2.5mil mock cheque to Yew (second from left) and Yap (centre) while treasurer Yap Teong Peng and Gan look on.

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A 20-YEAR wait for a Chinese school in Taman Danau Kota is set to finally end when SJK (C) Wangsa Maju is completed by the end of November.

The seven-storey building is currently completed and, after a refurbishment exercise to equip the rooms, it will be opened for next year's intake.

The school board of directors' chairman Datuk Yew Teong Look said the construction was going smoothly and he was confident it would get the certificate of completion and compliance (CCC) in November.

"We will take another one month to clean up the school as well as ensure that all the facilities and utilities are ready for the school's opening.

"Previously, there were a lot of requests from residents for a new Chinese school in Taman Danau Kota as most of the Chinese schools are in Wangsa Maju.

"The project was approved in 2008 and we hope the school will become an educational home for the students," he said, in his opening speech during the topping-out ceremony at the school's activity hall.

Also present were Deputy Education Minister Datuk Mary Yap, Platinum Victory Sdn Bhd managing director Gan Yu Chai, The Community Chest (TCC) chairman Tan Sri Chua Ma Yu and other

members of the board of directors.

Yew said the board had raised RM12mil through various channels prior to the construction.

"As part of its corporate social responsibility, Platinum Victory Sdn Bhd donated 0.8ha of private land, valued at RM20mil, for the development.

"Through MCA's efforts, the ministry also provided RM6mil for the construction. The sum will be used on the building and refurbishment of the school," said Yew, who is the current Federal Territory MCA chairman and former Wangsa Maju MP.

The school will be divided into three blocks, the hall, academic block as well as an administrative block.

The hall can accommodate 1,500 students while the administrative block comprises a library, computer rooms, about 80 tables for the teachers and an auditorium.

As for the academic block, it includes the canteen, an activity hall and classrooms.

Yew said the board was planning to make it a smart school by incorporating the latest technology as learning materials for students.

"The classrooms are equipped with modern technology such as touch-screen projectors and computers that help create an interactive environment for the students.

"Meanwhile, we are also planning for another fund-raising dinner on Nov 1 for the school," he added.

During the event, TCC contributed RM2.5mil for the school's building funds.

