

35  
CHAN

KUCHING, AUG. 1. (BERNAMA) - DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER, ENCIK CHAN SIANG SUN, SAID HERE TODAY HIS MINISTRY WAS TAKING +MOST URGENT+ STEPS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THE RURAL SCHOOLS OF SARAWAK.

SPEAKING ON ARRIVAL FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT, HE SAID THE MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED WAS VERY CONCERNED WITH THE POOR AND EVEN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS OF MANY SCHOOLS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE STATE.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER SAID THERE WERE 52 PROJECTS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION - BUILDING OF NEW SCHOOLS AND EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING ONES IN THE STATE.

BY THE END OF THE YEAR, \$41 MILLION WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT ON BUILDING NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD ONES.

MORE SCHOOLS WOULD ALSO BE BUILT FROM NEXT YEAR UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN.

ENCIK CHAN, ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION, WILL OPEN THE 10TH MALAYSIAN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HERE TOMORROW - BERNAMA 1453/BW