

Aid for vernacular schools to continue

KLANG, Sun. — The Government will grant the Pin Hwa Secondary (Private) School \$100,000 for its expansion programme and will continue to provide aid to other vernacular private schools.

Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Moha-**

mad announced the grant when he opened the new building of the school today.

He said the Government had already allocated funds for the school but as it needed extra funds, the Government would provide an additional \$100,000.

He made the announcement in response to an appeal by the school board of directors for a grant of \$150,000.

Earlier, Selangor Menteri Besar 'ran Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib said the Selangor Government would exempt

four Chinese private schools in Klang from paying land premiums.

He said the State Executive Council would meet next week and would grant the exemption to the schools which had appealed to him for help.

The chairman of the or-

ganising committee for today's function, Mr Khoo Keng Hong, said the presence of the Prime Minister showed his concern for education and this should reassure the Chinese community that the teaching of Mandarin would continue to be allowed.