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`Turn Vision School into Chinese primary school'

PUTRAJAYA, Wed. - The Government has been urged to turn the Vision School at USJ 15 in Selangor into a Chinese primary school.

The United Chinese School Committees' Association of Selangor and the Federal Territory, said this was important because more than 4,000 students from the USJ and Subang Jaya areas were now attending Chinese schools in Puchong, Sungai Way, Subang New Village and Petaling Jaya Old Town.

The association's SJKC Subang Jaya/USJ development working committee chairman, Gan Wah Lien, said USJ had a population of 160,000 people and 100,000 were Chinese.

"We need a Chinese school for an area this big. Our children should not have to get up at 5am and travel between 6km and 25km to attend school," he said, adding that the children often reached home after 3pm.

He said this today after handing over a memorandum addressed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to his private secretary Baharuddin Tahir at the Prime Minister's Department here.

Fifteen other committee members and USJ residents were also present.

The memorandum urged the Prime Minister to help solve the problem of shortage of Chinese schools in USJ and Subang Jaya.

Gan said the association had started a signature campaign in USJ on Dec 12 to garner support for the conversion and about 18,000 signatures had been collected.

He said the Vision School would not be able to accommodate all the 4,000 students, thus the need for it to be turned into a Chinese school.

At present, there are two Chinese schools in Subang Jaya but none in USJ. The two schools are SJKC Lick Hung and SJKC Chee Wen.

Gan said SJKC Chee Wen was moved from Batang Berjuntai in 1999 and was sharing classrooms with Sekolah Kebangsaan SS 17, Subang Jaya.

He said the construction of SJKC Chee Wen at Subang Mewah had not yet started and asked the Government to speed it up.

Gan added that the SS 17 school would "take back" the five classrooms it was sharing at the end of the year.

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