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WORK ON UNIVERSITI TUNKU CAMPUS BEGINS ON NOV 29

GOPENG, Perak, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- Work on the main campus of the MCA sponsored Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman in Bandar Baru Kampar near here will begin on Nov 29 and will be fully completed in 2006, MCA Secretary-General Tan Sri Dr Ting Chew Peh said.

The new campus on land donated by the Perak Government would accept its first batch of students in 2007. Universiti Tunku is currently operating on temporary premises in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

In 2008, the number of students at the main campus is expected to be 17,500 and is expected to top 20,000 when it is fully operational.

Dr Ting, who the MP for Gopeng, was speaking at the 54th MCA anniversary celebrations here last night. At the function RM688,000 was collected for the Universiti Tunku fund. Both functions were organised by the Gopeng MCA Division.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad presided at the ground breaking ceremony for the Universiti Tunku main campus last year.

Dr Ting said the MCA welcomed the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi that education should not be politicised as education was vital in raising the people's living standards.

He was confident that the Chinese community would continue to support the MCA and the Barisan Nasional in the next general election.

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