

"Education Minister has very good and long-term plans, says Ka Ting

KUALA LUMPUR: MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting has welcomed the Education Ministry's approval to build two Chinese primary schools under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

He also thanked Education Minister Datuk Seri Hisham-

muddin Tun Hussein for the move that could help cater to the wishes of the majority of Malaysian Chinese to give their children six years of education in their mother tongue.

He said 85% of these children continued their secondary edu-

cation in government schools where convergence and interaction of multi-ethnic students took place.

"I know Datuk Seri Hishamuddin has very good and long-term plans for our Malaysian education system. He is

taking care of our multi-ethnic society," Ong said.

The construction of both schools - SJKC Tun Tan Siew Sin in Putra Heights, Selangor, and SJKC Kulai 2 in Johor - would be fully financed by the Government, Ong told reporters after a

post-Cabinet meeting here yesterday.

Ong, who is also Housing and Local Government Minister, also expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the party and the Chinese community, to the Cabinet for endorsing Hisham-

muddin's approval for the two schools and for naming one of them under a former MCA president and former finance minister.

Siew Sin was the son of MCA's founding president Tim Tan Cheng Lock.