

Flying start for 9MP school projects

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BANGI: The Education Ministry has launched its first project under the Ninth Malaysia Plan plan — the construction of Sekolah Kebangsaan Bandar Sri Putra.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, who carried out the ground breaking ceremony for the school yesterday, said the ministry took heed of the Government's call to speedily implement the projects earmarked under the 9MP.

Four days ago, Prime Minister, Datuk, Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi announced 880 projects, worth RM15 billion, under the 9MP. Of this, 497 infrastructure projects come under the Education Ministry.

Hishammuddin said the launch of the project was testimony to the Government's ability to provide the neces-

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sary allocation for the ministry's projects under the 9MP.

Under the 9MP, the ministry was allocated RM327.3 million for pre-school education;

RM4.124 billion for primary education, including 178 new schools; RM4.521 billion for secondary education, including 218 new schools; and, two arts schools.

Another RM256.4 million is for sports school development, RM702 million for fully residential schools, RM549.4 million for matriculation colleges,

including four new ones, and RM577 million for technical and vocational education.

The new school in Bandar Seri Putra Bangi will be built on an area measuring 7,000 sq ft. It will have 30 classrooms, a field, canteen and hall.

The school will accommodate 600 students and will be

ready in two years.

The land was provided by the Bandar Seri Putera developer, United Malayan Land Sdn Bhd.

Hishammuddin said his ministry will closely monitor the construction of schools to ensure they meet specifications, are built on time, and have adequate co-curricular

facilities.

"We have often heard of projects which are not completed on time, or even abandoned. Worse still, work on completed ones are below par, leading to leaky roofs, cracked walls and poor drainage."

He said he would personally inspect some of the schools to be built or renovated.



Hishammuddin taking some time off to talk to the students after the groundbreaking ceremony of the school yesterday.