

RM20mil boost for Pak Lah's school

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's alma mater - the High School Bukit Mertajam (HSBM) - received a big boost when the Prime Minister announced that it would receive a RM20mil development fund.

The allocation under the 9th Malaysia Plan, he said, was for the construction of a hostel, teachers' quarters, a sports pavilion and a laboratory. A further grant of RM3.5mil would be used to carry out repair works on the 80-year-old school.

Abdullah, who announced the "gift" at the school's 80th anniversary

dinner here last night, said HSBM was considered a heritage school and an old block should be retained to reflect its status.

He urged students and teachers to ensure that the school continued its tradition of excelling in education and sports.