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# RM1.3b education complex to be built in Nilai

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The teaching profession is to receive a shot in the arm with the setting up of the 728.22 hectare Nilai Education Complex in Mukim Labu, Seremban.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein

said the project, which is estimated to cost about RM1.3 billion, will be built in two phases.

The construction of the first phase, which involves a RM600 million allocation, is expected to commence soon and be completed before the

end of the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

The construction of the second phase would then follow.

Hishammuddin said the project was designed based on the needs identified to implement the fifth thrust of the Na-

tional Education Blueprint, especially to strengthen the teaching profession and improve teachers surroundings and welfare.

The project would provide the facilities and infrastructure for strengthening profes-

sionalism in the teaching profession as well as for capacity building.

They include a teachers' training institute in the main campus, as well as an English Language Training Centre and a special education institute.