

SM Chong Hwa gets another RM3mil from govt for school building
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KUANTAN: The Government on Saturday announced an additional contribution of RM3mil for the new SM Chong Hwa independent school building here, bringing the total allocation to RM5mil.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak made the announcement at a fund-raising dinner which was attended by thousands of people, including Hong Kong superstar Jackie Chan, at Stadium Darul Makmur.

Federation of Chinese Associations president Tan Sri Pheng Yin Huah praised the Prime Minister for his open-minded approach towards Chinese education.

He said Najib did not hesitate to give his approval for the Chinese school to be built.

"In October last year, he had even allocated RM2mil for the school building," said Pheng, who is the school's board chairman.

The RM30mil school is to be built on a 6.07ha land about six kilometres from Kuantan. It is expected to be ready in two years.

Pheng said construction was going smoothly and the school was expected to open for classes in January 2014.

He said RM6mil had been raised at the fund-raising event and funds were expected to exceed RM10mil.

Najib also announced that RM300,000 raised at the dinner tonight would be donated to the Lahad Datu Heroes Fund for the security forces' personnel killed in the clash with the Sulu terrorist intruders in Sabah.

The prime minister said the donation to the fund reflected the loyalty of the Chinese community to the country and appreciation for the sacrifices of the security forces.

Jackie Chan also helped to contribute to the fund-raising by auctioning merchandise.

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