

Najib Announces 'Precious' Gifts For Two Chinese Schools In Penang
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GEORGE TOWN, April 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today announced Han Chiang College will be upgraded to University College while Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan (SMJK) (C) Heng Ee will have a new branch in Bayan Lepas.

Najib also announced that the government had allocated RM1 Million for each institution via Yayasan Rakyat 1Malaysia.

"I like to recognise Han Chiang College as a fine example of a school with a strong history of nurturing talent in Penang. I am happy to be here to hand over a letter of approval in principle for Han Chiang College to be upgraded to University College status.

"In addition, the federal government has approved the setting up a new branch of Heng Ee high school. With the new branch, more students will have opportunity to carry on the fine mission of Heng Ee in the pursuit of excellence," he said at gathering with Han Chiang College and SMJK (C) Heng Ee students and staff here, Tuesday night.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Penang Barisan Nasional chairman Teng Chang Yeow, Han Chiang College principal Datuk Dr Cheah See Kian and SMJK (C) Heng Ee principal Goh Boon Poh.

Meanwhile, Cheah said this was a very important step for the government in recognising Chinese education in Malaysia, adding that the open policy practiced by the government showed that Chinese education also had never been neglected by the government.

He said the college planned to concentrate on Mass Communications and Animation studies in the near future.

Parent-Teacher Association of SMJK (C) Heng Ee head William Wee said that the new branch on a 4.85 hectare site was expected to be completed in 2016.

He said the new branch would be able to accommodate needs of locals on Chinese education.

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