

DPM Opens Sarawak Interior School, Announces Host Of Projects
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BELAGA (Sarawak), Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The official opening of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bakun by Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today has come as a blessing for the school and the people in this interior district of Belaga.

The Deputy Prime Minister announced the approval of a host of projects for the school and promised to look into the requests for development from the people in the district.

The projects approved for implementation include the construction of living quarters for 20 teachers, a track and field, a multi-purpose sports arena and science laboratories.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also the home minister, also approved a RM100,000 grant for the Parent-Teacher Association of the school.

He also promised to look into requests for introducing form six classes at the school, a grant for fish-breeding in Tasik Bakun and the provision of better roads.

Ahmad Zahid said the projects would be implemented smoothly, quickly and efficiently due to the close cooperation between the federal and Sarawak governments.

The request for the projects was raised by Belaga state assemblyman Liwan Lagang in his speech at the opening of the school.

Among those who attended the opening ceremony were Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Deputy Home Minister I Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, Deputy Home Minister II Masir anak Kujat, Sarawak Land Development Minister Tan Sri Dr James Masing and Chief of Defence Forces Gen Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin.

In his speech, Ahmad Zahid said Sarawak was one of the states that had received huge financial allocations annually under the 10th Malaysia Plan (2011-2015).

Last year, the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department approved the construction, replacement, renovation and upgrading of 22 schools, he added.

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