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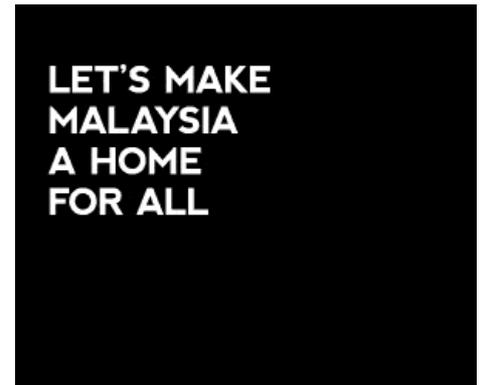
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EIS sets parents abuzz

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JOHOR BARU: Excited parents here cannot wait for the opening of an international school right in the city here.

Bank officer Muzaffar Musa, 35, said that he had planned to enrol his children at a Singapore school next year.

However, he would send them to the Excelsior International School in Seri Alam.

Muzaffar said he always wanted to send his children to a Singapore school, saying that the island state has a better education system.

"But now I'm inclined to send my daughters to Excelsior School as it is located nearer to my place.

"This means I no longer need to travel so early to the school in Singapore," he said yesterday.

Businesswoman Dalilah Bakar, 49, welcomed the international school, adding that parents now have a good opportunity to get the best education for their children.

"Many parents send their children to schools in Singapore instead of international or privately-run schools here.

"Some of these type of schools here only care about making profit without taking the students' needs into account," she added.

Sales executive K. Kumaraguru, 38, whose son is studying in Singapore for the last two years, said he might transfer him to Excelsior School as it is nearer to his house.

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“I feel bad for my son who has to wake up at 4am and comes home after 8pm,” he added.

Excelsior School, due to open in September next year, will include elements of the Singaporean school curriculum and cater to the growing expatriate community in the state capital.

It is jointly developed by Raffles Campus Pte Ltd (RCPL) education group and Seri Alam Properties Sdn Bhd.

Spread over eight hectares, the school offers classes from kindergarten to high school for children aged three to 18.

It would be equipped with laboratories, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, football field, running tracks, drama and dance studios and an auditorium.

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