

巴生兴华中学第五期校舍建设启动礼
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尊敬的母亲，也是兴华中学三机构永久总顾问潘斯里拿汀斯里陈开蓉董事、名誉董事长丹斯里拿督林宽城硕士、雪州行政议员YB黄思汉先生、兴华中学董事长朱运铁先生，兴华小学董事长拿督陈伟后，各位董事、嘉宾、老师、同学，以及社会贤达：大家好！

今天，我谨代表杨家出席兴华中学第五期校舍建设启动礼，与大家共同见证兴华发展历程中的重要时刻。

对我们家族而言，兴华中学不仅是一所学校，更是一段跨越数十年的深厚缘分。这份缘分，始于我的父亲——已故丹斯里拿督斯里杨忠礼博士。

1947年，巴生华社创办兴华中学时，年仅十八岁的父亲便以学生代表身份参与筹建工作。当年的兴华，没有今天完善的校园设备，但却有一群人对华文教育最坚定的信念。

也正是在兴华的发展过程中，父亲认识了我的母亲——潘斯里拿汀斯里陈开蓉女士。此后，他们不仅共同经营家庭，也长期关心与支持兴华的发展。

可以说，兴华不仅是巴生华教发展史上的重要篇章，也早已深深融入我们家族的生命故事，成为我们共同记忆的一部分。

这里，是父亲教育信念最早扎根的地方；也是母亲多年关怀与支持持续体现的地方。能够成为兴华发展历程的一部分，这是我们家族的骄傲。

我的父母始终深信，教育是最值得投入的事业。即使在创业初期，他们依然坚持支持教育发展，因为他们相信，教育能够改变人生，也能够影响社会未来。

2006年，父亲出任兴华中学董事长，带领学校迈向系统化发展与校园扩建的新阶段。第三期教学大楼、第四期科技大楼、人文科技走廊及校史馆陆续完成，不仅改善了校园环境，也奠定了“人文科技，面向未来”的办学方向。

每次来到兴华，看见校史馆内父母亲留下的题字，我总会特别感动。因为那不仅是一段文字，提醒我们：无论时代如何改变，教育始终值得坚持与守护。

2017年父亲离世后，母亲依然以她安静而坚定的方式，延续父亲对兴华的初心。2018年，她开始成立“丹斯里杨忠礼潘斯里陈开蓉协助巴生兴华中学慈善基金”，希望以更长远、更制度化的方式支持学校发展。

对母亲而言，这从来不只是一项捐助，而是她以实际行动，延续她与父亲一生深信的教育价值——教育是一份值得分享、也值得成全他人的福分。

多年来，基金持续用于教师培训、奖助学金及教育发展用途，其中大专奖助学金至今已帮助超过一百四十位学生完成大学学业。

每当校长和老师与我们分享，年轻人如何因为教育而改变人生道路时，我相信，这正是父母亲最希望看到的成果。

也因此，今天的启动礼，对我们家族而言有着特别深的意义。我们今天来到这里，不只是见证一项新校舍建设的开始，也是为了珍惜一段始于数十年前、并由母亲一直深深守护的兴华缘分。

今天，在朱运铁董事长领导下，兴华即将展开第五期校舍建设计划。未来两座新建筑——“潘斯里拿汀斯里陈开蓉学生宿舍大楼”以及“丹斯里拿督斯里杨忠礼博士综合体育中心”，对我们家族而言，不只是荣誉，更是一份责任。

因为建筑能够留下名字，但真正能够长久延续的，是建筑里所培育出来的人才，以及一代代兴华学子追求卓越、服务社会的精神。

正如董事长刚才所提到的，第五期校舍建设不仅是一项建设工程，更是一项面向未来的人才培育工程。它建设的不只是校园空间，更是未来数十年兴华孩子成长与发展的平台。

我们家族将全力支持这项建设，并设立专项基金支持计划。我们希望能够发挥抛砖引玉的作用，凝聚更多社会力量，共同推动华文教育的发展。因为教育，从来不是少数人的责任，而是整个社会共同的使命。

最后，衷心祝愿兴华中学第五期校舍建设计划顺利圆满，继续为国家培育更多优秀人才。

谢谢大家。

**Launch Ceremony of the Phase Five School Building
Development of
Hin Hua High School, Klang
Speech by Tan Sri (Sir) Francis Yeoh Sock Ping
15 June 2026**

My beloved mother, Puan Sri Datin Seri Tan Kai Yong, Lifelong Chief Advisor of the Three Management Organisations of Hin Hua High School, Tan Sri Dato' Lim Kuang Sia, Honorary Chairman, YB Ng Sze Han, Selangor State Executive Councillor, Mr Choo Yan Tee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hin Hua High School, Dato' Chin Wee How, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hin Hua Primary School, Distinguished members of the Board, honoured guests, teachers, students, friends of Hin Hua, ladies and gentlemen, a very good morning to all of you.

Today, I am honoured to be here on behalf of the Yeoh family, to join all of you at the launch ceremony of the Phase Five School Building Development of Hin Hua High School. For Hin Hua, this marks an important milestone in its continuing journey of growth and development. For our family, it is also a deeply meaningful occasion, because our relationship with Hin Hua goes back many decades.

To us, Hin Hua High School has always been more than a place of learning. It is a relationship, a bond, and a journey that is closely woven into the story of our family. And like many good stories, it began with one young man — my late father, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr Yeoh Tiong Lay.

In 1947, when the Chinese community in Klang came together to establish Hin Hua High School, my father was only eighteen years old. At that young age, he took part in the founding efforts as a student representative. At that time, Hin Hua did not have the facilities and buildings we see today. But it had something even more important — a group of people with an unshakeable conviction in Chinese education.

And as many of you know, it was also through Hin Hua's journey that my father came to know my mother, Puan Sri Datin Seri Tan Kai Yong. From that point on, they did not only build a family together. They also continued,

for many years, to care for and support the development of Hin Hua.

So, in a very personal way, Hin Hua is not merely a chapter in the history of Chinese education in Klang. It is woven into the story of our family — into our memories.

It is where my father's conviction first took root, where my mother's devotion continues to find expression, and where our family remains grateful and proud to be part of Hin Hua's journey.

My parents always believed that education is one of the most worthy investments in life. Even in the early days of building their business, when resources were limited and every ringgit had to be carefully considered, they still chose to support education. They believed that education could transform lives. They believed that education could shape the future of society.

In 2006, my father became Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hin Hua High School. Under his leadership, the school entered a new phase of structured development and campus expansion. The Phase Three Teaching Block, the Phase Four Science and Technology Block, the Humanities and Technology Corridor, and the School History Gallery were completed one after another.

These developments did not only improve the physical environment of the campus. More importantly, they helped establish Hin Hua's educational direction — one that embraces both humanity and technology, and one that looks firmly towards the future.

Every time I return to Hin Hua and see the words written by my parents in the School History Gallery, I am deeply moved. They are not simply words on a wall. They are a continuation of a spirit — reminding us that no matter how the world changes, education is always worth upholding, worth protecting, and worth passing on.

After my father passed away in 2017, my mother continued, in her own quiet and steadfast way, to honour his original aspiration for Hin Hua. In 2018, she established the Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay and Puan Sri Tan Kai Yong Aided Hin Hua High School Funds, with the hope of supporting the school in a more long-term, structured, and sustainable manner.

For her, this was never simply about making a donation. It was a quiet and steadfast way of continuing what she and my father had always believed in — that education is a blessing worth sharing.

Over the years, the funds have supported teacher training, scholarships, bursaries, and other educational development initiatives. The tertiary education scholarships and bursaries alone have helped more than 140 students complete their university studies.

When the principal and teachers share with us how young people have changed the course of their lives through education, I believe this is the result my parents would have most wished to see.

That is why today's ceremony carries such deep meaning for our family. We are here not only to witness the launch of a new building development, but also to honour a relationship with Hin Hua that began many decades ago, and that my mother has continued to cherish deeply.

Today, under the leadership of Chairman Mr Choo Yan Tiee, Hin Hua is preparing to embark on its Phase Five School Building Development. The two future buildings — the Puan Sri Datin Seri Tan Kai Yong Student Hostel Building and the Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr Yeoh Tiong Lay Sports Centre — are, to our family, not only an honour. They are also a responsibility.

Buildings may carry names, but what truly endures is not the name engraved upon the building. What truly endures are the young people nurtured within it, and the spirit of generations of Hin Hua children who strive for excellence and serve society.

As the Chairman rightly mentioned earlier, the Phase Five Development is not merely a construction project. It is a project for the cultivation of future talent.

It is not only about building new spaces on campus. It is about building a platform for the growth, character, confidence, and development of students for the next several decades.

The Yeoh family will give our full support to this development, and we will establish a dedicated fund to support this plan.

We hope that this contribution will serve as a catalyst — a modest first step to encourage more friends, alumni, entrepreneurs, and members of the community to come forward and join hands in advancing Chinese education. Education has never been the responsibility of only a few. It is a shared mission of the whole community.

In closing, I wish the Phase Five School Building Development of Hin Hua High School every success. May Hin Hua continue to grow from strength to strength, and may it continue to nurture outstanding young Malaysians who will serve our nation and society with wisdom, integrity, and courage.

Thank you.