



Soepeno (left) exchanging the sale and purchase documents with Wong.

Deal signed for KKIP Indonesian school land

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KOTA KINABALU: The Indonesian Consulate here has signed an agreement to acquire a 3.95-acre plot at the Kota Kinabalu Industrial Park (KKIP) in Sepanggar, near here, for the construction of Kota Kinabalu Indonesia School (SIKK).

Its newly-appointed Consul-General, Soepeno Sahid, said it would be the permanent location of SIKK which is currently renting at Alamesra.

He said the school needs a permanent and bigger place as its number of pupils had risen from 271 two years ago to 352 now.

Soepeno signed the sale and purchase agreement on behalf of the Consulate, while Federation of Sabah Manufacturers (FSM) President, Datuk Wong Khen Thau, represented KKIP.

It was witnessed by representative of the Jakarta National Education Ministry, Hartoyo Wibowuo, Education Attache from the Indonesian Embassy, Imran Hanafi, KKIP Chief

Executive Officer, Datuk Ir. Chong Hon Len, and his deputy, Pengiran Saifuddin Pg Tahir.

He said the cost of the land is RM2.58 million and the title is being processed by the Land and Survey Department.

"We are very thankful to the State Government for selling the land to enable us to kick off our vital project to build a school and provide proper education to Indonesian children here.

"We are finalising a design and development plan for SIKK and hope to start construction next year. We plan to build a primary school and a secondary school plus hostels, teachers' quarters and sport facilities, among others," he said, adding the land is located about 200 metres from the main road and next to the Industrial Training Institute (ILP) in Sepanggar.

He said having a permanent site for SIKK in Sabah would ensure no Indonesian kids are deprived of formal education as enshrined in the Indonesian Constitution.

Limit service of govt servants at one place: Cuepacs

PUTRAJAYA: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) will propose to the Public Service Department (PSD) that the service of public servants dealing with the public be limited to between three and five years as opposed to 10 to 15 years now.

Cuepacs President Omar Osman said the long period for

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