

Exciting expansion



Loy, Gan and Kilpatrick with the school captains at the ground-breaking event.

THE Australian International School Malaysia (AISM) recently held a ground-breaking ceremony to mark new building developments at its six-acre (2.4ha) premises at the Southern Lake Mines Resort City in Bliswater Estate, Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

Apart from a new block for the Junior School, the building developments will include expanding the school's current information resource centre and new performing arts facilities such as dance and music practice rooms and a black box theatre.

The school is also looking at redeveloping the 1.55 acres (0.6ha) of land surrounding the school which was recently purchased from Bliswater Developments Bhd.

"There is strong demand and growth potential for good international schools in Malaysia," said Taylor's Education Group (School Division) president BK Gan at the ceremony.

He added that besides AISM, other international schools within the group had also

seen an increase in the number of students.

"The start of the new building developments at AISM is a very exciting time for the school and by the end of 2013, the school would be able to accommodate up to twice the current school population," he said.

The school's new principal David Kilpatrick says the campus will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology such as smart boards, net books and virtual learning environments.

"The investment of RM20mil for school building developments is to enhance these facilities to extend student learning and incorporate more of 21st century learning designs with new, open spaces," he said.

The ceremony was witnessed by Taylors Education Group board of governors, representatives from Bliswater Estate and the school community.

At the event, Taylors Education Group chief executive officer Datuk Loy Teik Ngan, Gan and Kilpatrick joined AISM school captains in digging the earth accompanied by Junior School students singing the school song.