

BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE SAJID JAVID ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOOL IN KUALA LUMPUR

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Today British Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills Sajid Javid MP announced plans for the establishment of a British Council School in Kuala Lumpur. The plans were announced as part of the launch of a Year of Education between the UK and Malaysia in 2016.

The Secretary of State is visiting Malaysia as part of the British Prime Minister's official delegation to several South Asian countries. He used his time in Kuala Lumpur to visit the British Council offices and speak to students and staff. He announced that 2016 would be a year of celebration of the strong education relationships between the United Kingdom and Malaysia.

He also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the British Council and property development company YTL Land & Development Berhad, to develop plans to establish a new international school in Sentul West in Kuala Lumpur.

The British Council has operated in Malaysia since 1947, offering educational and cultural links and exchanges with the United Kingdom, and acting as a major player in the teaching and learning of English.

The British Council currently runs one school in Madrid, Spain, offering a bilingual and bicultural education to Spanish nationals. The school recently received the top mark of 'outstanding' in all aspects of education from the UK school standards body Ofsted that reports on the quality of education in British schools. The new school in Kuala Lumpur would offer the same outstanding quality of education, aimed at Malaysian nationals, with an emphasis on multilingual and multicultural learning.

British Council Malaysia Director Gavin Anderson said:

"This is an incredibly exciting step forward for us. We are well known across Malaysia for the quality of our English teaching, and our broader role in bringing the education worlds of Malaysia and the UK together. Our school will take that work onto a new level, while helping to develop the next generation of Malaysian global citizens and leaders."

YTL Land has been pioneering lifestyles in Malaysia for many years, leveraging on the diverse expertise and experience of its parent company, YTL Corporation Berhad. With a clear focus in designing for specific markets, YTL Land has enjoyed an illustrious track record by creating some of Malaysia's most unique landmarks. It has carved out its own niche as a reputable and innovative property developer by setting bold trends and delivering innovative concepts and design in all its properties.

YTL Land's flagship project in Kuala Lumpur is Sentul West and Sentul East developed on a freehold site in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur under an on-going urban renewal master plan.

Executive Director of YTL Land & Development Berhad, Dato' Victor Yeoh Seok Kian said:

"We are honoured to be associated with the British Council, a leading global institution, in developing their first international school in Kuala Lumpur. We share the British Council's aspiration to create a first class educational environment within the new international school in Sentul West, as this will complement our Sentul West and Sentul East Master Plan very well. This new initiative is also in line with our philosophy and long term vision for the urban rejuvenation of Sentul which capitalizes on strategic opportunities to create living environments that are sustainable, engaging and inviting for our growing young urban population."

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British Council

The British Council creates international opportunities for the people of the United Kingdom and other countries and builds trust between them worldwide. We are a Royal Charter charity, established as the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. Our 7,000 staff in over 100 countries work with thousands of professionals and policy makers and millions of young people every year through English, arts, education and society programmes.

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YTL Land & Development Berhad

YTL Land & Development Berhad ("YTL Land") is a subsidiary and the property development arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. YTL Land's main activities are the development of real estate projects through direct ownership, joint-ventures or as development consultants.

With its ability to leverage on the diverse experience of the YTL Group, YTL Land has enjoyed an illustrious track record by delivering truly valuable branded properties which have consistently been well-received by the market. YTL Land remains committed to conceptualizing designs that surpass conventional approaches and by keeping pace with demographic shifts in the marketplace. The properties developed continue to deliver a proven combination of innovative and sustainable living concepts, inspiring architectural elements, and all built to strict standards.

Apart from achieving consecutive sell-out successes ahead of launch for its iconic lifestyle projects, it has also been honoured with industry awards, attesting to its commitment to creating living environments that are sustainable, engaging and inviting.

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