

UCSI GROUP ANNOUNCES RM1.13 BILLION IN EXPANSION PLANS
PROJECTS TO INCLUDE THREE HOTELS, A MEDICAL CENTRE AND AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Kuala Lumpur, 13 January 2011 - UCSI Group is investing RM1.13 billion in a series of developments and expansion plans to take place throughout Malaysia during the next five years. UCSI Group Chairman Dato' Peter Ng made the announcement during the launch of UCSI University's 25th anniversary, silver jubilee celebrations.

Dato' Peter, who is also the founder of UCSI University, started his presentation by thanking those who have helped him and his company reach their milestone anniversary.

"Tough times never last, but tough people do," he said. "When the going gets tough, you become tougher."

Dato' Peter highlighted the company's focus on nation building before announcing a series of projects that would boost both the national economy and the immediate communities surrounding the developments. The projects include:

- The UCSI Medical Centre in Bandar Springhill, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
- The UCSI Resort Hotel and Convention Centre in Bandar Springhill, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
- The UCSI International School in Bandar Springhill, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
- UCSI CityIsland Hotel on Isthmus Island in Kuching, Sarawak
- The UCSI Tower and Hotel in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur

The Medical Centre, expected to be completed by mid 2012, will hold the University's Faculty of Medical Sciences, providing a teaching hospital for its medical students as well as a tertiary hospital for the surrounding community. The state-of-the-art facility will initially hold 400 beds and eventually hold 1000 beds upon completion. The nearby Hotel and Convention Centre will feature five star facilities, including a sandy beach, full-service spa, a series of multinational restaurants and 319 guest rooms. Together with the hospital, Dato' Peter said he plans to boost the nation's medical tourism industry, providing both excellent health care as well as luxury guest facilities to patients and tourists alike.

Additionally, Dato' Peter said the International School will accommodate the international population that will grow in Bandar Springhill as a result of the new developments. Featuring an international curriculum, the school will also include an Olympic-sized pool, a football field cum running track and a number of specialised rooms and laboratories for art, music, science and computers.

Finally, the remaining two five star hotels that will be built in Cheras and Kuching, respectively, will help train workers in the field of hospitality and tourism as part of the University's championing of Entry Point Project 10 in the national Economic Transformation Programme to transform Malaysia into a high-income nation by 2020. The project focuses on establishing a standard curriculum in hospitality and tourism as well as attracting more workers to the field to boost both the quantity and quality of the people in the industry.

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