


## School with Singapore touch soon in JB



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JOHOR BARU - The Government will bring education with a Singapore touch by setting up an international school here.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the Excelsior International School in Seri Alam, due to open in September next year, will "infuse" the Singapore school curriculum and will also cater to the growing expatriate community.

It will be jointly developed by education group Raffles Campus Pte Ltd (RCPL) and Seri Alam Properties Sdn Bhd.

"It's an undeniable fact that many Johor Baru parents prefer to send their children to Singapore schools.

"This facility in Seri Alam will provide an alternative to them," he said after the ground-breaking for the school yesterday.

Spread over 20 acres, it offers classes from kindergarten to high school, for children aged three to 18.

Regarding the school fees, Mohamed Khaled said: "It will be slightly more expensive than local international schools but significantly cheaper than international schools in Singapore."

RCPL chairman and chief executive officer Ng Boon Yew said the school would start accepting applications early next year.

He said Excelsior would have advanced educational facilities including laboratories, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, football field, running tracks, drama and dance studios and auditorium.