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## New International School in Iskandar



Iskandar Malaysia is fast becoming an education hub for the country. There are already numerous notable higher learning institutions and private schools based within the development corridor. Sunway Group is joining the bandwagon soon. It recently unveiled their latest plans with the introduction of the Sunway International School (SIS) Sunway Iskandar.

This will be the second SIS being built after the first one located in Bandar Sunway, Selangor. The school is owned and governed by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, a trust fund under Sunway Education Group.

The first intake of SIS Sunway Iskandar is scheduled to be in 2017 and according to SIS's executive director, Cheng Mien Wee, they are expecting about 150 students for their first enrolment.

Pre-enrolment for the new campus will begin in January 2015 onwards for pre-school right up to pre-university level. Catering to students from grade 1 to 12, SIS Sunway Iskandar is the only school in Malaysia to offer the Canadian (Ontario) curriculum, which is also rated as one of the world's best school systems for primary and secondary school education, and is recognised internationally.

Aside from that, SIS Sunway Iskandar will also be the first international school in Malaysia to implement a laptop-programme that is fully integrated with the school's e-Learn system.



## **SIS ISKANDAR**

SIS Sunway Iskandar is purpose-built and designed to suit its natural landscape and surroundings. All teaching spaces are comprehensively equipped to provide conducive and stimulating environments for teaching, learning, reflection, sports, recreation and many forms of extra-curricular activities.

"We are proud to be able to contribute to the Iskandar community through the provision of international education," says Sunway education Group senior executive director, Dr Elizabeth Lee.

"The state-of-the-art campus is designed to nurture minds and build characters, especially with our curriculum which focuses on educational technologies and emphasizes soft-skill developments," she adds.

The initial phase of SIS Sunway Iskandar will be built at a cost of RM40 million and will have the capacity to facilitate 600 students with ambitions to grow even more. The construction of the school's five blocks, including a hostel unit for its students, will begin in the first quarter this year.

Located on a 2.83ha site, the school will ensure the group's plan to make Sunway Iskandar project a liveable townships that offers a world-class city balanced with the beauty of nature.

"With SIS Sunway Iskandar, we are confident that residents at Iskandar will have the privilege of world class education which will in turn shape the holistic lifestyle of the community," says Sunway's Executive Director for Property & Construction, Southern Region and Singapore, Tan Wee Bee.

That being said, both Sunway Property and Sunway Education Group are offering a special bursary programme, presenting attractive benefits to early birds of the property and School. Children of any Sunway Iskandar buyers will be entitled to a bursary programme upon qualifying all the terms and conditions.

SIS Sunway Iskandar will offer a special bursary of RM10,000 to all student enrolment which will be valid for 24 months from the date of the school's opening and applicants are eligible to both special bursaries upon qualifying all the terms and conditions.

Total bursaries can add up to RM20,00 per student for families who enrol their children at the school and who are buyers of Sunway properties in Sunway Iskandar. SIS Sunway Iskandar is also a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) pursuing authorisation as an IB World School.

"Those in grades 11 and 12 will pursue the International Baccalaureate education framework for pre-university students," explains SIS Bandar Sunway principal, John Mackle.

With English as the medium, SIS Sunway Iskandar will be fully taught by Canadian certified teachers and IB certified educators. The school is also seamlessly connected with major highways enabling greater connectivity into Johor Bahru, Iskandar and Singapore.

The completion of the Coastal Highway Southern Link (CHSL) in 2017 will further provide direct access to the new campus as it will only take five minutes for residents and visitors to arrive in Sunway Iskandar, "Sunway is looking for ways to further introduce more education institutions in Sunway Iskandar, but that is all still in planning stage," says Tan.

"I believe that in order to successfully develop an integrated township, education institutions play a vital role," he adds.

Sunway Iskandar is Sunway's largest township project with over 1,800 acres of land and will be developed into six precincts The Capital, The Parkview, The Lakeview, The Riverside, The Seafront and The Marketplace.

Each precinct will be a self-sustaining integrated city mirroring the likes of Sunway Resort City where key components such as schools, residential, theme park and retail will be incorporated all in each precinct itself.

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