

*a request will be made by Mr. Lim Chin Swee at the
ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Chong
Hua High School, Muar, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 5/11/52
at Jalan Arab.* By H. H. the Regent
Your Highness (Sir Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Regent of Johore).

On behalf of the Chong Hua High School Building Committee, the Chairman Mr. Lim Chin Swee and my humble self beg to express our hearty welcome to your Highness on your visit at this third additional building site of the Chong Hua High School. This School was established in 1912 with one building at Jalan Sayang for accommodation of 800 boy students only. It was extended in 1918 with another building at Jalan Bakri to accommodate 400 girl students. In the year 1939 we found that the capacity of the class rooms was not adequate to provide for the continual expansion of the population in Muar. A third building was then built along Jalan Arab at the side of the first school building to accommodate 600 students of both sexes. After the re-occupation the Muar Chinese Community increased to such an extent that the existing school building could only accommodate half of the school going children in Muar; therefore more class rooms were required to meet the urgent call. In the year 1951 when the general economic position improved after the advancement of the rubber market we took the golden opportunity and with the full co-operation of every Chinese individual in this district and the sincere assistance given to us by the Government Officials we were able to finalize all the arrangements for this building scheme and it is expected to be completed in April 1953 and thereby solve our problem of accommodation for an additional figure of twelve hundred children.

May we now make our humble request to your Highness and hope that your Highness will be pleased to perform the ceremony of laying down the foundation stone.