

Office of the Mentri Besar, Johore
Johore Bahru,
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It gives me great pleasure to comply with the request of the Chong Hwa High School Building Committee, Muar, to write this short message on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of this school by His Highness Tungku Ismail ibni Sultan Ibrahim D.K., S.P.M.J., K.B.E., C.M.G., Etc., Tungku Mahkota Johore, who, in the absence of His Highness The Sultan in Europe, is at present the Regent of Johore.

As a native of this town of Banda Maharani I grew up with it and, later, had the honour of serving it for nearly twenty-five years in the capacity of an official of the Johore Government. I saw this town grow and expanded and the district of Muar opened up until both reach their present size and gain their present prosperity. I have been a witness of the major and important part which the Chinese community played in the growth of this important district in the State of Johore. I have also noted with gratification the friendly and co-operative attitude my Chinese friends adopted towards my own people the Malay and the members of the other communities. It is my sincere hope that they will continue to maintain that attitude in the future as they had done in the past and that all will share in the peace and prosperity for which all of us should aim and strive for.

We are all aware that education contributes no small measure in the wisdom of men and it gives me therefore the greatest pleasure to witness this High School growing up in this town to-day.

May God grant that whoever passes through its portal will gain wisdom and prosperity.

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bin Yahya,
Mentri Besar,
Johore.