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RM10,000 received from selling back surplus power

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PETALING JAYA: SJKC Yuk Chai Petaling Jaya's adoption of an environmentally-friendly solar energy system is paying off.

The school received about RM10,000 a month for feeding the electricity generated to Tenaga Nasional Bhd, said Deputy Education Minister Chong Sin Woon.

"This is good," he told a press conference after launching the solar energy project yesterday.

Chong said the income would go to the Board of Management which got RM600,000 to build the solar system.

Besides this school, he said another nine schools in Selangor, Perak, Perlis and Pahang had been given the approval by the ministry to build the solar system.

"The ministry is drafting guidelines for the next application by the schools.

"We will also discuss with the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (Seda) on the quota that

the ministry could give to more schools," he said.

The school's board of governors member Foo Ah See said that they had applied to Seda for the feed-in-tariff system and after approval from Seda, they signed the agreement with TNB.

He said that the installation on the roof of this school could produce up to 111.6 kilowatts of electricity during sunny days with clear skies, which TNB would buy at 86 sen per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for 21 years beginning this year.



Building the future: Chong launching the solar energy system at SJKC Yuk Chai while a student demonstrates a mechanism to him.