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Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan (Tamil) Vivekananda, Jalan Templer, Petaling Jaya

An Appeal

Dear Well-wisher,

Appeal for Donations Towards the School
Building Fund

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Although renovations and additions were effected to the school building over the years these have never matched the increasing numbers of students admitted to the school. The total number of classrooms has remained at 10 since 1976 and for the past decade or so the school has had to operate both morning and afternoon sessions. Even with morning and afternoon sessions, the school is short of 5 classrooms in each session. In order to accommodate these additional 5 classes some of the existing classrooms have had to be divided into two to provide squeezing accommodation for the students. Based on the student population this year the requirements for classrooms would amount to 27. The Library, Staff room, Headmaster's office and toilet facilities are a far cry from what they should be for a modern primary school. Needless to say, such an environment is hardly conducive for study particularly children of such tender age or for the staff to give of their best.

In view of the foregoing, it has been found imperative that building extension works should be commenced with immediately and that it be undertaken in such a manner as not to dislocate the smooth and effective conduct of classes in the school. As a first stage, a 3 storey-building with 3 classrooms on each floor making up a total of 9 classrooms is being built. This project commenced in April and is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. The construction of these classrooms together with modern teaching equipments, tables and chairs for the pupils is estimated to cost about \$300,000/-.

The VIVEKANANDA ASHRAMA has made an advance of \$50,000 towards the cost of building these classrooms. The MALAYSIAN INDIAN CONGRESS through the kind courtesy of its President the Honourable Dato' Samy Vellu, has made a grant of \$30,000 from their Educational and Development Fund. A commitment of \$100,000 has been made by the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION towards meeting the cost of the project. Another \$120,000 will still need to be raised from the public and

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well-wishers. Whilst the Parents-Teachers Association and the Old Boys Association of the school have come out in full support and have indicated their readiness to help raise funds totalling \$20,000, we will nevertheless not be able to complete the project without the generous support of people like your goodself.


Accordingly, this letter is written to seek your contribution to what we consider you will feel to be a worthwhile project meriting your generous support. Time is of essence, and your early remittance will be deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Donations of \$500/- and above will be engraved on a plaque.

Please remit per FORM enclosed. Thank you — May God Bless You!

Yours in Service



Datuk T. Puvanarajah
Chairman
Board of Governors



Dr. K. Ampikaipakan
Secretary
Building Fund Committee