

UTHM makes room for 5,000 on campus

COMPLEX SOLUTION: University invests in RM115 million apartment complex to reduce shortage of student housing

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UNIVERSITI Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) is building a dormitory complex near the campus in Parit Raja, here, to provide accommodation for 5,000 students.

The complex, made up of apartment blocks with a total of 420 units, is expected to be completed

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by the middle of next year.

UTHM vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin said the rising number of students had resulted in a major housing shortage with only 42 per cent of the student population of 16,127 living on campus.

The rest are forced to seek accommodation nearby.

"Although the building of these apartments will not fully resolve the problem, it will increase the



Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi (second from left) and Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin Noh (left) view the **model of the dormitory complex** at the **project groundbreaking** in Parit Raja. Pic by Mustapha Ismail

number of students living on campus," he said.

Noh said this in his speech at the groundbreaking of the project, performed by Sri Gading MP Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, recently.

Also present were Parit Raja assemblyman Puan Seri Azizah Zakaria, UTHM deputy vice-chancellor (academic and international)

Professor Dr Hashim Saim and deputy vice-chancellor (alumni and student affairs) Prof Dr Amir Hashim Mohd Kassim.

Aziz said the project would also improve the economy of Parit Raja, which would improve the income of the local residents in turn.

The RM115 million project is being undertaken by UTHM Holdings

Sdn Bhd and UTEN Holdings Sdn Bhd.

Each apartment unit will have three rooms equipped with double-decker beds, a study area and dining area.

Communal facilities will include cafeterias, an Internet centre, a launderette, surau and convenience store.