## SJK (C) BAKO TO BE RELOCATED TO KOTA SAMARAHAN

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KUCHING: SJK (C) Bako will be relocated near to Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), and it will probably be renamed Chung Hua Primary School (CHPS) No.7.

Board of Management for Kuching CHPS No.1 to No.6 chairman Wong Tiong Hook said yesterday that the Ministry of Education had approved the relocation on Aug 11.

"SJK (C) Bako has been in dire need of relocation due to zero intake of pupils for years," he told reporters at a function here yesterday.

Wong added that the board had approached SUPP president Prof Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian for assistance before the May 7 state election.

A prominent local businessman had donated 3.48 acres in Kota Samarahan for the new school, he said.

However, he could not disclose more details as the project was still at the design stage.

When asked if the name (CHPS No.7) was final, he said: "Renaming it CHPS No.7 is not an issue, but we will come to that later."

He added that the board might consider adding 'Bako' in bracket after CHPS No.7.

At present, the nearest aided Chinese primary school to Unimas is CHPS No.2 located at Tabuan Jaya 2.

This school has to reject many applications annually since 2013 as it had reached its capacity.

"If there is a new aided Chinese primary school in the area, residents there will be very pleased," opined Wong.