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Datuk Dr Paul Chan (left) and Low Gee Teong with a model of the Rawang campus.

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KUALA LUMPUR: Asia Pacific Land Bhd (AP Land) and HELP International Corp Bhd, which have set up a joint-venture (JV) company to look into potential education opportunities, expect to begin operations of a new campus in Changshu, China, by October.

The 20,000-sq-ft campus is part of the first phase of AP Land's commercial project that was being developed there, said joint managing director Low Gee Teong.

"Our collaboration with HELP will complement our venture into Changshu to meet the needs of the fast-expanding multinational companies and locals there," he said at a briefing yesterday.

Low said the campus would focus on vocational training, especially within the automotive sector, and English for specific purposes.

AP Land executive director Woon Siew Choo

said the campus would be able to leverage on the fact that Japanese automaker Toyota would be setting up a factory just next to the development.

HELP president and co-founder Datuk Dr Paul Chan said the campus was targeting about 500 students within its first year of operations and was looking to offer "more courses".

Low said phase one of the project was expected to be completed by August this year while the second phase within two years. Both phases would have a gross development value of 500 million renminbi.

On the local front, AP Land and HELP plan to set up a 50-acre campus in Bandar Tasik Puteri, Rawang, in the next three to four years. There are also plans to set up and manage a retirement home there.

Low said the Rawang campus would offer courses in allied health sciences to support the retirement home project.