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### GRACE FU ON WOMEN MINISTERS

# It's not gender, it's about capability

**Y**ES, a woman Cabinet minister would be welcome, but not "just to satisfy some gender or race requirement".

Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education, said yesterday: "I am sure when PM sees someone who has that capability and competency... he will put one of us in that position."

She is the first woman office holder to comment on the Cabinet changes announced last Saturday.

As for herself, she would much prefer to move up "at a steady pace where the PM is comfortable with my ability", she told reporters at an event at Pathlight School.

Ms Fu, who was promoted and

given a new role in Education, plans to visit more schools.

#### **\$33M HOME FOR SCHOOL**

The Pathlight School for children with autism will get a \$33 million home next year.

The new Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10 campus will take up to 600 students and include vocational and pre-vocational training facilities, and a new IT school.

There will also be space to train up to 2,000 more family caregivers and other professionals, like therapists and teachers from mainstream schools.

Pathlight hopes the new campus, which is to open next March, will develop into a regional centre for autism.