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450 more places at special education schools



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SINGAPORE - The Ministry of Education (MOE) will add another 450 more places at two special education schools.

Pathlight school will see an additional 300 places from next year, bringing the total capacity of the school up to 900 by the end of 2013.

This was announced by Education minister Mr Heng Swee Keat during his visit to the school today.

According to MOE, the expansion of Pathlight School is part of the continual effort by the ministry to meet the needs of children with special needs and to enhance the learning environment in Special Education (SPED) schools.

Metta School, a vocational school which caters to children with intellectual disability and autism, will be able to take in another 150 students from 2013 after its new extension block is completed at the end of next year.

In addition, Delta Senior School, another vocational school for students with intellectual disability, will also be moving to its purpose-built premises at Choa Chu Kang Grove next year.

The refurbishment and infrastructure upgrading to expand capacity in these three SPED schools will cost about \$30 million.

This is in addition to the \$120 million that MOE invested in building and upgrading the other 17 SPED schools in the past decade.

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