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Lai (fourth from right) presenting the planning permission to school board of director chairman Cheong Yew Hon (in yellow), while Ng (third from right) and Leong (right) look on.

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AFTER 10 years of uncertainty, SJK (C) Choon Hwa has received Ampang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPAJ) planning approval to build a school on 1.2ha of land along Jalan Bunga Mawar in Lembah Maju, Pandan.

The school's building committee

The school's building committee is expected to submit building and infrastructure plans to MPAJ soon.

The school received approval from the Education Ministry to relocate in 2008 to the site from its current location at Batu 18, Hulu

However, the building plans were rejected twice when MPAJ's technical committee questioned the use for other parts of the land which was not made clear in proposed plans. The school was to occupy 1.2ha of the 3.6ha land

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MPAJ also added several conditions for the school's building committee to fulfil including widening
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In a letter dated April 28, 2017, to Choon Hwa's board, MPAJ said the ministry's minimum requirement for land to house a school was 2.023ha.

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Planning permission given after more than a decade

The ministry received a letter from MPAJ on Dec 7, 2017, seeking an explanation on the use of the remaining 2.4ha.

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"We met with Deputy Education Minister Teo Nie Ching to ask for an additional 0.6ha so that we would meet the requirements for a primary school.

"This will not affect the building plans and the construction of the school.

"Should the school seek to build anything on the additional land, it will have to submit its building plans to MPAJ," he said during a press conference at a coffeeshop near the site. Lai added that the RM25,000 fine issued by MPAJ to the school for starting works without a permit was written off.

"We met with MPAJ president
Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain who
agreed to write off the amount as
well as withdraw the condition to
widen the main road.
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"I will also ask the state government for an allocation to upgrade the road," he said.

Selangor local government, public transport and new village development committee chairman Ng Sze Han said the government would cooperate with all parties for the construction of the school.

"There have been delays previously and the school faced a lot of problems in getting the project approved but let's put all of that behind. "This school is needed in Pandan

"This school is needed in Pandan and should be built as soon as possible," he said. In the last two years, the school

In the last two years, the school was at the centre of a debate between Pandan MCA chief Datuk Leong Kok Wee and previous Teratai assemblyman Tiew Way Keng.

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Leong, who is also the school's
building committee vice-chairman
hoped the government would
continue allocating funds for its
construction.

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