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The Star: 'Old Boy' Azman Hashim's Name Etched in Stone at MBS Sentul

PETALING JAYA: To honour one of its famous alumni, the main administration building at SMK (L) Methodist Sentul (MBS Sentul) has been named after banker and philanthropist Tan Sri Azman Hashim.

Bangunan Azman Hashim is in recognition of his contributions to make education accessible to everyone.

Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) chairman Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik, who is also the Episcopal Head of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, paid tribute to Azman for his "exceptional altruism and sense of responsibility".

He said Azman's RM10mil donation through Yayasan Azman Hashim, a non-profit charitable institution he founded to support nation-building through education, would "transform the lives of many".

"I would not have been where I am today without its dedicated teachers. The first Methodist school was set up in Malaysia some 130 years ago.

"Today, we have the MCOE helping to promote and coordinate the development of both government-assisted Methodist schools as well as private schools and colleges, numbering about 80 in total," he said during a ceremony at the school yesterday.

Also present were MBS Sentul (Secondary) board chairman Datuk Dr Ron Tan, MBS Sentul (Primary) board chairman Steven Niles Lee, and representatives from the Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory Education Department.