New medical school breaks ground at Novena Campus

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The Lee Kong Chian (LKC) School of Medicine (pictured) broke ground yesterday at the Novena Campus site on Mandalay Road.

A joint venture (JV) between Imperial College London and Nanyang Technological University (NTU), LKC will be equipped with teaching facilities and state-of-the-art audio and video technology, while benefiting from proximity to neighbouring healthcare facilities, including Tan Tock Seng Hospital, to foster hands-on learning.

Additionally, a high-rise Clinical Sciences building will be built on the Novena Campus by 2015. Apart from these facilities, the Experimental Medicine Building at NTU's Yunnan Garden Campus is also set to be completed by 2015. The project will be located within NTU’s biomedical-engineering cluster.

Speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony, Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Health, noted that there is a rising demand for healthcare in Singapore, given its rapidly growing ageing population.

"Beyond training enough doctors to meet our needs, our medical schools must also train doctors equipped with the skills to care for us in an ever-evolving healthcare landscape," said Gan.

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