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Abdul Rahman (fifth left) and invited guests cutting the ribbon to mark the launching of the project.

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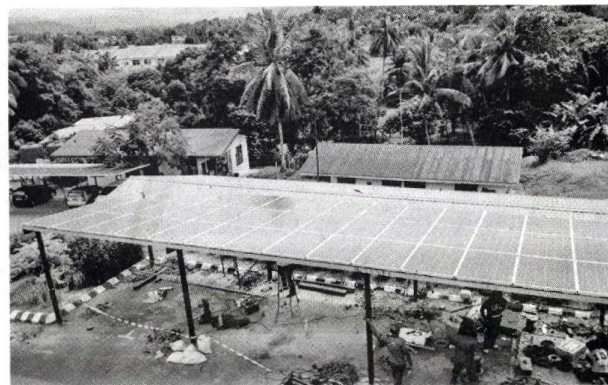
KOTA KINABALU: SRJK(C) Kota Belud has been given an opportunity to generate income as well as reduce its carbon footprint.

The opportunity was provided by Cypark Resources Berhad which sponsored a solar electricity system to the school.

The project was officiated by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan in the school on Saturday night.

Abdul Rahman who is also Kota Belud member of parliament, was the guest of honour at the school's Pesta Angpau and Academic Excellence Award program.

Speaking to reporters at the event, Abdul Rahman said that the project was an initiative by the Kota Belud Parliament office to ensure that the school can generate an income.



The solar power panels installed at SRJK(C) Kota Belud.

"From our estimate, SRJK (C) Chung Hwa would be able to generate about RM1,300 a month or about RM15,000 a year for the next 25 years. I would like to express my gratitude to Cypark Resources Berhad for donating the solar panels to the school.

"This is a win win situation for all involved, for the [company] as they are the expert in the field, for SJK(C) Chung Hwa as it reduces the school's dependency on fuel generated electricity and also the school now has a covered

parking facility.

"I thank the company for donating to the school. At the same time when the school uses solar [power], it also reduces its carbon footprint. Today 0.05 tonne was reduced and it is like the school planting a tree a week," he said.

On whether the project would be extended to other areas, Abdul Rahman said that it would depend on the quota set by the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry.