

Make up for lost time

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Hon: Schools must replace days lost to floods

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SEREMBAN: School days "lost" to the floods in Johor will have to be replaced.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Hon Choon Kim said teachers and students would have to return to class for the number of days missed.

"They will definitely have to find alternative days to make up for the loss," he said after presenting cheques to flood victims at Kampung Semarak here yesterday.

He said some schools had to be closed because the buildings were used as relief centres.

The deputy minister also said that RM4.8mil would be

allocated within a month to replace damaged textbooks.

In **KUALA LUMPUR**, Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein announced plans to upgrade the design of new schools in flood-prone areas.

He said his ministry would be forwarding its "standard design" proposal to the

Economic Planning Unit.

The proposal includes raising the level of the site and placing buildings on stilts as well installing larger water tanks and putting in more kitchen space.

The ministry would ensure that new schools were located on safe sites, avoiding areas such as swamps and hillslopes.