More students enrolling in private institutions here, more educational facilities will be needed. The Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) and Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) this week gave details of major expansion projects that are now underway.

When SIM moved into its current headquarters at Clementi in 2001, its student strength was over 14,000. This has since grown to more than 31,500. One of the SIM group’s entities, SIM University, has over 12,000 students compared to 8,000 in 2007 and expects to have 14,000 students by 2015.

MDIS has 13,500 students, including 4,000 international students. It aims to have 20,000 local and foreign students by 2015, said Dr R Theyvendran, MDIS’ secretary-general. He said: “The expansion plans are implemented with the well-being of our students and their overall global experiential learning as a top priority.”

“The plans are also done with eco-friendly features as we want our campuses to be green in line with our institute’s philosophy of being a ‘Green MDIS’,” he added.

Yesterday, President Tony Tan Keng Yam inaugurated a six-storey annex building next to SIM’s existing headquarters.

Phase One

Phase One, which cost $111 million, began in December 2008 and was completed last year. The annex building comprises a student hub, lecture theatres, seminar rooms and computer laboratories. It incorporates green features and technology, as well as the latest technology to enhance learning.

Phase Two, which costs $189 million, began last month and is expected to be completed by 2014. It will comprise a four-storey performing arts complex, as well as a seven-storey and a nine-storey block.

Besides the performing arts centre, there are also new facilities such as a gym hall, rooftop tennis courts, seminar rooms and laboratories.

The Master Plan will add 63,000 sq m of floor area to the SIM campus at Clementi, more than double that of its current campus.

MDIS’s other campuses include SIM Management House at Namly Avenue and the SIM Global Education Campus in Ulu Pandan. Together, the three SIM campuses occupy a gross floor area of more than 98,000 sq m.

After Phase Two is completed, they will have a total gross floor area of more than 130,000 sq m — about four times as much as Raffles City Shopping Centre.

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