

MY CHILD started her very first day at Kong Hwa Primary School on Monday and, like all parents, I was excited about it. But when we arrived at the holding school she will be in for the next two years, I was shocked.

The chairs were rusty, the toilets were dirty and the hall was in bad

Rusty chairs, dirty toilets at school

shape. I could discern all this, from just a casual glance around the place.

Is this the kind of place the Ministry of Education (MOE) wants to put our

children in? How much does a new chair cost?

Parents are not asking for air-conditioning or leather chairs – just the

basics. Surely the MOE has enough resources to replace the furniture and clean up the premises?

Parents will be more than happy to donate money if needed. But the MOE should maintain the standards. Is this too much to ask for in 2010?

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