

KHALIL ASKS KUTKM TO PRODUCE EASILY ACCEPTED GRADUATES

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MELAKA, July 30 (Bernama) -- Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob, who was made Chancellor of the Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM) today, has asked the university college to produce graduates who will be easily accepted by employers.

Mohd Khalil, who is the Melaka Yang Dipertua Negeri, also said KUTKM graduates must also prove to all parties that they were among the best being churned out by universities in the country.

"We must understand that the philosophy of KUTKM is that 'we do not plan to fail and fail to plan'," he said in his speech at the inaugural KUTKM convocation in Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh, near here.

Also present were Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Ali Rustam, Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Shafie Mohd Salleh, Chairman of the KUTKM Board of Directors Tan Sri Mohd Salleh Sulong and KUTKM Rector Datuk Prof Ismail Hassan.

At the ceremony, 240 graduands received their degrees while 231 others received diplomas.

Mohd Khalil also asked KUTKM to encourage more efforts in research and development.

He also wanted KUTKM to work together with the industrial sector in using all the research findings of the university college.

In conjunction with the convocation, KUTKM awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctorate in Engineering to the Energy Commission Chairman Datuk Ir Mohd Annas Mohd Nor and the Director of Fraunhofer Institute for Production System and Design Technology, Technical University of Berlin, Prof Dr Eckart Uhlmann.

The recipients of the Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering Hazli Rafis Abdul Rahim and Bachelor's degree in Information and Communications Technology June Lim Li Min each received the Royal Education Award.

The Chancellor's Awards were given to Rahim Selamat and Eugene Lee, who graduated with the Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

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