

KUTKM TO SET UP UNIT TO MARKET RESEARCH FINDINGS

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MELAKA, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM) will set up a subsidiary to commercially market its research findings, said its Rector Datuk Prof Ismail Hassan today.

He said the setting up of KUTKM Holdings Sdn Bhd would make it easier for findings and technology transfer to be professionally marketed.

"Two of KUTKM designs are in the process of being patented before being commercialised," he told a press conference in conjunction with KUTKM's second convocation this Saturday.

He said the college would also set up an Advanced Manufacturing Centre (AMC) to facilitate simultaneous learning and research activities in a true environment using the expertise available at KUTKM.

"Through the centre, a conducive environment for conducting researches using high-technology facilities is created as a result of collaborations between AMC and industries from within and outside the country," he said.

Ismail said currently, KUTKM was fostering relationships with industries through companies like DRB-Hicom Bhd, Cubics Electronic Sdn Bhd, Composites Technology Research Malaysia Sdn Bhd (CTRM) and Dtex International Sdn Bhd.

On the construction of KUTKM permanent campus on a 291-hectare site at Durian Tunggal, Alor Gajah, he said the project was 39 per cent completed.

He said two faculties had been transferred to the permanent campus, namely Electronics and Computer Engineering Faculty and the Electrical Engineering Faculty.

The permanent campus was expected to be ready in 2008. KUTKM was established on Dec 1, 2000, and was the country's 14th public institution of higher learning.

Meanwhile, a total of 730 graduates are expected to receive their degrees, while another 265 their diplomas at the convocation this Saturday and Sunday at the Dewan Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh.

The ceremony will be officiated by Yang Dipertua Negeri Melaka, who is also KUTKM Chancellor, Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob.

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