

KUTKM UPGRADED TO UNIVERSITY, RENAMED UTeM

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MELAKA, Feb 1 (Bernama) -- Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM) has been upgraded to a university and will be known as Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) from today.

UTeM Vice-Chancellor Datuk Professor Ismail Hassan said UTeM would be more competitive and be able to compete on a stronger footing to consolidate its role as a more dynamic and credible institution of higher learning.

The rebranding of KUTKM to UTeM is a starting point towards establishing a technical university that is capable of attracting the interest of society, he said in statement issued here today.

Ismail said the rebranding would also dissipate perception among the public of the institution being a second-class university.

UTeM, with a staff of 1,141, has 5,336 students taking diploma, degree, masters and doctorate courses.

For the 2007/2008 intake, it is offering two new courses - Bachelors Degree in Electronic Engineering (Wireless Communication) and Bachelors Degree in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence).

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