

## **KUTKM set to be a premier institution**

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KOLEJ Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM) in Durian Tunggal, Malacca, is set to become one of the premier higher learning institutions in the State once its RM900 permanent campus is completed.

The project covers 292.4ha in Tanah Pinggiran Bukit Senandong I and II and is expected to stimulate economic growth by providing more job opportunities for locals.

The campus is also expected to create a significant spin-off in technology advancement and job creation.

As scores of multinational companies are expected to use the facilities at Melaka International Trade Centre as their promotional base, this will further allow KUTKM to market itself to international firms.

Its groundbreaking ceremony was officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in January.

KUTKM rector Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Ruddin Abdul Ghani said Kumpulan Senireka is the master planner of the project.

The company will be helped by a consortium of contractors comprising Putra Perdana Constructions Sdn Bhd, Cobrain Sdn Bhd and Kumpulan Melaka Sdn Bhd. Another firm assigned as the project management consultant is Ranhill Bersekutu Sdn Bhd.

The project is divided into two phases with the first phase, which comprises four packages, expected to be completed in 2004.

The first phase will include the construction of basic infrastructure, administration, and supportive facilities, and students' hostels.

The administration complex will be made the focal point of the campus with faculties and hostels to be built around it.

It will consist of the chancellery office that will house the rector's office and also its deputy, the registrar's office, the Student Affairs Division's office, including the Academic Affairs Division's office.

The building's design is inspired by the famous Malaccan architectural design, with a touch of modernity.

Seven faculties are being planned under phase one of the development: the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Information Technology and Communication, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering, Centre for Academic Services, and Centre for University-Industry.

"The design of these faculty buildings will be based on the hands-on concept which has been developed in Germany, France and Switzerland with high-technology laboratory and workshop as the main component," he added.

The Phase Two of the development is expected to begin in 2005 and completed in 2008, where another three new faculties will be set up. This will also include future planning and expansion of KUTKM to achieve its target of 15,000 students by 2010.

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