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Mara launches special initiative to strengthen TVET ecosystem

KUALA LUMPUR: Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara) has launched a special initiative, Halatuju TVET MARA, to strengthen a more sustainable technical and vocational education and training (TVET) ecosystem in all Mare educational institutions (IPMAs).

Deputy Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Rubiah Wang said MARA, as a pioneer in the field of higher TVET (HTVET) in Malaysia, welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's plan to empower the TVET field.

"The government will continue to support TVET education, championed by Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), including supporting the planning of opening new campuses in Perlis and Pahang," she said in her speech for the UniKL's 20th convocation ceremony, here yesterday.

According to Rubiah, UniKL continues to maintain a high graduate employability rate of 97.1 per cent, based on the graduate tracking report

conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), thereby proving the quality of TVET and IPMA.

Apart from that, she said three subjects available in UniKL were listed in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subjects 2023, while Malaysian Institute of Chemical and Bioengineering Technology (UniKL MICET) researcher, Assoc Prof Dr Norzahir Salawe, was listed as among the top two per cent of scientists worldwide by Stanford University, three years in a row.

"At the national level, UniKL's performance, as a university which excels in quality education and has a high impact, is also recognised and achieves the level of 'Competitive' in the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (Setara) by MoHE," she said.

A total of 6,039 graduates are to receive their scrolls in the university's convocation, which is divided into eight sessions, running until this Nov 7. — Bernama