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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Efforts must be directed towards reducing the gaps in the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) ecosystem, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said TVET institutions must expose students to new and emerging technologies.

In this, the TVET Collaboration Hub will serve as a platform for the exchange of expertise and technology between TVET institutions and industry.

Besides, Mustapa said in order to achieve the target of admitting at least 55 per cent of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia school leavers into TVET programmes as outlined in the 12th Malaysia Plan, the industry must improve the accreditation, recognition and certification of TVET programmes.

"Exposure must be given to our students starting from a very young age to inform them of the benefits of pursuing a TVET education as well as the many potential career pathways.

"Additionally, a ranking system for TVET institutions will be in-



*A competition held among technical and vocational education and training (TVET) students in 2019. Under the 12th the Malaysia Plan, a target to admit at least 55 per cent of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia school leavers into TVET programmes was set. FILE PIC*

roduced based on numerous components, including employability, wage levels of graduates, industrial engagement and the implementation of social initiatives in rural areas," he said at the "SDG Webinar Series: Quality TVET Education for the Future —

A Supply & Demand Perspective" yesterday.

The webinar was organised by the Economic Planning Unit together with Jeffrey Sachs Centre on Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Solutions Network Malaysia.