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Focus on ways to reduce gaps in TVET ecosystem: Mustapa Mohamed



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KUALA LUMPUR: Efforts must be directed towards reducing gaps in the local TVET ecosystem moving forward, Minister in the Prime Minister Department in charge of economy Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said.

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

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

Besides that, Mustapa said in order to achieve the target of admitting at least 55 per cent of SPM leavers into TVET programme as outlined in the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP), the industry must improve the accreditation, recognition and certification of TVET programs.

"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 introduced based on numerous components, including employability, wage levels of graduates, industrial engagement and the implementation of social initiatives in rural areas," Mustapa said at "SDG Webinar Series: Quality TVET Education for the Future - A Supply & Demand Perspective" today.

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

Meanwhile, Mustapa said during a recent meeting, the National TVET Council had endorsed, among other decisions, the establishment of the Government-Industry TVET Coordination Body (GITC).

The council had met on Feb 3 to discuss ways to strengthen the TVET ecosystem.

"TVET education remains a priority for Malaysia. It forms one of the foundations for building a resilient economy.

"We aim to produce high-quality graduates that possess the relevant skills needed to meet the dynamic requirements of industry," he said.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said GITC would be involved directly in the country's TVET human capital development, particularly in development of skills and workforce, the first of such cooperation.

Its membership comprises 12 individuals representing industry sectors who have agreed to work together in realising the national TVET agenda through GITC, he said in a statement.

Ismail Sabri said the initiative would be a strategic collaborative platform for expertise, equipment and technology between the excellence centre and TVET institutes, regional economic authorities and industry.

A total of 12 hubs have been identified including automotive, semiconductor, marine, air-conditioning, aerospace, robotics, rail, telecommunication, hospitality and tourism, as well as food technology that will be implemented in the Peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak.