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KUALA LUMPUR: The government has signed 10 memoranda of agreement with private and government-linked companies (GLC) to coordinate and improve the ecosystem of the country's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Human Resources Deputy Minister Mustapha Sakmud said the government's move to involve GLCs and private companies was to avoid duplication and wastage in the implementation of TVET programmes as was agreed at the National TVET Council meeting on Feb 7.

He said the government was giving serious attention to

improving the implementation of TVET programmes.

"This is to address issues such as the provision of infrastructure and training facilities, skills mismatch and unemployment among TVET graduates.

"It involves TVET institutions in various TVET provider ministries and is coordinated through the National TVET Council," he said during the question and answer session in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He was replying to a question from Onn Abu Bakar (PH-Batu Pahat), who wanted to know when the coordination of TVET training between the Education Ministry and other ministries would be

carried out in the wake of many overlapping courses, which led to a wastage of human and financial resources.

Mustapha said through the initiative, GLC and identified private companies would be involved in the implementation of TVET programmes, in terms of curriculum development and provision of training materials, as well as sharing of equipment, facilities, expertise and financing.

To a supplementary question from Onn about the ministry's efforts in inculcating the core values of the Malaysia Madani concept in TVET programmes, he said this would be done by updating the syllabus and learning

modules in TVET institutions to produce 35% skilled workforce by 2030.

Mustapha said TVET programmes also focused on inculcating positive values and morals as well as technical skills.

"Besides, the six pillars of Malaysia Madani are used as the guiding principles in the administration of the TVET industry."

He said to ensure sustainability of TVET programmes, the industry needs to play an active role in providing the necessary machines and expertise to TVET trainees to produce Madani technocrats to lift the country's dignity and income. - Bernama