

Sights set on skilled graduates



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KUANTAN: The new Pahang campus of Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) University College will be able to produce skilled graduates to complement the Malaysia-China Kuantan Industrial Park (MCKIP) workforce once it is completed, said MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

He said the university college could help accelerate the growth of the east coast region by honing skilled human capital to meet MCKIP's requirement for workers in the technical and engineering fields.

"We can help the private sector produce and train skilled workers. We have Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, which is focusing more on the academic aspect, while TAR University College will focus on skills," he said after the groundbreaking ceremony performed by Tengku Mahkota Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah here yesterday.

The 6.07ha campus ground in Indera Mahkota here is located about 5km from the Kuantan town centre.

Liow, who is chairman of the TAR University College board of governors, said the RM45mil (S\$16.6 million) campus would be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

"Among the facilities to be built are a three-storey administration building with an IT facility and a library, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a two-storey cafeteria and a student centre equipped with audio-visual facilities, two blocks of three-storey tutorial buildings and a single-storey sports dome with a futsal court, two basketball courts and five badminton courts.

The campus is expected to be completed by the end of next year, with the first intake of students due in 2017.

He said the Pahang branch would offer programmes at the diploma and bachelor levels, while the disciplines of study would cover technical and vocational education and training programmes in engineering, technology, build environment and manufacturing.

"It will have the capacity for 3,000 students. This is what we've always dreamed of - a city campus for the TAR University College," Liow said, adding that the Karak branch would close and relocate to the new campus.

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