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KOLEJ Universiti Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi Malaysia (Kuktem) has adopted the German tertiary concept of narrowing the gap between the theoretical world of the lecture theatre and the practical world of the workplace.

Modelled on the famed German *Fachhochschule*, the college introduced an application-oriented curriculum, comprising courses designed to meet the needs of the industry, integrated traineeship and application-oriented project work and final thesis.

"We also expose our teachers to the industry to enhance their experience in certain courses," the university's corporate communications officer Abdul Shukur Ishak said.

The university established by the Government in June 2001 specialises in engineering and technology, with emphasis on chemical, petrochemical and manufacturing and process industry.

He said Kuktem would open its main campus in Kuala Pahang at the end of

Kuktem has it all

INDUSTRY FOCUS: The Sultan and Tengku Mahkota being briefed by Kuktem's permanent campus at Kuala Pahang by Datuk Esa Mohamad.

2005. "When completed, the 745.6ha campus will be able to accommodate about 10,000 students and 2,000 staff," he said.

It now operates a temporary campus in Gambang, 30km from here.

Despite being two years old, he said the university had six faculties offering six degree and five diploma programmes.



The faculties include: Chemical and Natural Resources Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Computer Systems and Software Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Centre for Social Science Studies.

By 2005, the university will have another four faculties and a centre for post-graduate studies.

He said the university did not neglect its services for students, as it was a fully-residential university where hostel accommodation was provided to all students.

It also provides students with facilities and services such as laboratories, library and knowledge centre, cafeteria, sports facilities and recreational facilities and counselling."