



# Minister: Varsities need to churn out more k-workers

**KUANTAN:** Universities should modify their curriculum so that their courses will contribute to the growth of knowledge workers or k-workers, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said.

He added that the country need-

ed more trained and qualified k-workers to ensure that the objectives set in Vision 2020 were achieved.

"The country is still in the midst of transformation, from being a production-based economy nation to a knowledge-based economy

nation and this requires strong background in science and technology.

"The main feature to this change is qualified k-workers and the country still lacks them," Mohamed Khaled said in his speech at an appreciation dinner hosted by Universiti Malaysia

Pahang (UMP) for its staff and the state's major industry players here on Friday night.

His speech was read out by the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Dr Zulkefli A. Hasan.

Also present were UMP's board chairman Datuk Mohd Hilmey Mohd

Taib and vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

A total of 24 UMP researchers who won gold, silver and bronze medals in national and international invention and technology exhibitions were rewarded for their achievements.