

Universiti Malaysia Pahang marks new beginning

PUTRAJAYA: Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan & Teknologi Malaysia (Kuktem) is now known as Universiti Malaysia Pahang.

The name change, said its chancellor Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, would help rid the misconception on its status as a university.

Tengku Abdullah said the misconception had affected its academic reputation and the morale of graduates.

He was speaking at the launch of UMP's new name and logo by his father and Pahang ruler, Sultan Ahmad Shah, at a hotel here last night.

Also present were his wife Tengku Puan Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah, Higher Education deputy secretary-general Datuk Dr Mohd Taib Hashim and UMP vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Mohamed Said Mat Lela.

Tengku Abdullah, who is also Pahang Regent, urged the university management to increase efforts to turn the university into the best higher education institution in the region.

"It should produce quality graduates who can compete and face challenges. Graduates should be taught how to create and not just seek employment.

"They should be innovative to create career opportunities from what they have studied at the university."

Tengku Abdullah said the university should also intensify research that could bring greater development to Pahang and the country.

"As a university which focuses on chemical industry, petro-chemicals, natural resources, manufacturing and bio-processes, its location in Pahang is the most suitable."

He said the success of UMP, the only full university in the east coast, would be a boost to Pahang.

Dr Mohamed Said pledged to do his best to turn UMP into a first choice university in the country and region.



Sultan Ahmad Shah (left) launching the university's logo, watched by UMP chancellor Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Mohamed Said Mat Lela (centre), in Putrajaya yesterday.