

## Aiming for more lecturers with PhDs

**KUANTAN:** Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) is aiming to increase the number of lecturers with doctorates (PhD) by at least 50 per cent by 2010.

Vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Said Mat Lela said at present only seven per cent or 20 of its lecturers had a PhD while another 40 were pursuing their doctorate studies overseas.

The lecturers with PhD include one from Jordan and another from Iraq.

Formerly known as Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi Malaysia or Kuktem, UMP currently has 300 lecturers.

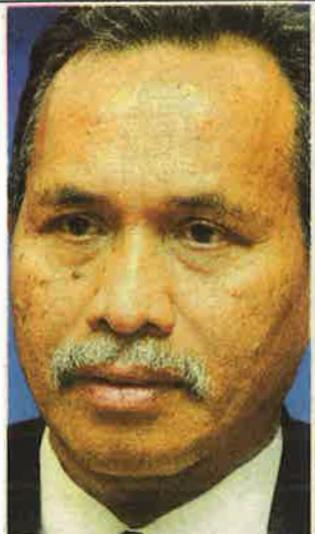
“Starting this year, all faculties must have a comprehensive plan for the development of their lecturers.

“The lecturers must also be exposed to practical works and attend courses that could improve their skills,” he said after delivering his annual speech to 600 UMP staff here.

With more lecturers with PhD, UMP will emerge as one of the top choices among local and foreign students who plan to further their studies in engineering.

Mohamed Said said UMP lecturers must also continue their research and send their papers and findings to local and international publications.

“These will help strengthen their image and promote UMP as a leading institution in the region.”



**Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Said Mat Lela says lecturers must improve their skills**