

# Idris: KPI on English proficiency for polytechnic students soon

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A Key Performance Index (KPI) for English proficiency among polytechnic students is being set up, said Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

This is to ensure that all polytechnic students have an added edge aside from their vocational skills.

"We want graduates who are not only skilled, but are also able to communicate in English effectively.

"The KPI for the Polytechnic Education Department is necessary to build up the image of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) graduates," he said at the Polytechnic Students Excellence Award ceremony here yesterday.

Awards were presented to polytechnic students who excelled in co-curricular activities, innovation, skills, commitment as well as culture, arts and heritage.

Idris said these award winners were great

examples to both public and private education institutions.

"The culture of excellence among the 33 polytechnics, three of which are premier polytechnics with gold level accreditation from the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC), show that they are on the right track," he said.

Idris added that TVET in Malaysia would see a boost with a RM1.2bil allocation under Budget 2015 as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, which would increase student capacity at vocational and technical colleges.

"This is because the demand for graduates with TVET qualifications are rising. Aside from the budget, the ministry is also working hard to collaborate with industry partners to provide better facilities and training at our polytechnics to produce better graduates," he said.



**Well done!:** Idris (second from left) sharing a light moment with the award recipients.