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12 more Mara junior science colleges

TAIPING, Tues. - Mara will build 12 more junior science colleges (MRSM) each costing between RM10 million and RM24 million over the next two years.

Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said there would be a college each built in Selangor, Sabah, Kedah, Penang and Pahang.

"Two colleges each will be also be built in Perak and Kelantan; and three in Johor," he said.

There are 19 MRSM colleges with an enrolment of about 10,000 students.

Mustapa was speaking after receiving 10 Career Guidance Video tapes at the Taiping MRSM here yesterday.

The video tapes were produced and presented by MRSM Alumni or Anak Sains Mara (Ansara).

Present during the ceremony were MARA Secondary Education division director Ramli Ismail, Ansara president Mukhriz Mahathir and Taiping MRSM principal Ahamad Roslan Johari. Earlier, Mustapa said that MRSM mainly concentrated on medical, engineering, accounting and religious studies.

"However, more emphasis will now be on Information Technology.

"This is necessary for students to keep up with the rapid changes."

Meanwhile, Mukhriz said the tapes, among others, were aimed at giving information on job opportunities to secondary students and help them to plan their future.

He said the tapes were specially produced for MRSM and also secondary school students, particularly in the rural areas.

"Each tape contains information on two professions with a running time of about 15 minutes each.

Among the professions included are in the fields of medicine, law and engineering.

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