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Cenfad aims to have best designers

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THE Centre for Advanced Design (Cenfad) aims to be the produce world class designers for South East Asia region. The design school was set up by the Sarawak tycoon Datuk Effendi Norwawi has secured affiliation with New York-based Parsons School of Design.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad visited to the school yesterday where he was briefed by the chairman liberal studies programme Michael Barnett on the courses offered in the school.

"We believe that Parsons's experience in teaching, learning and research will provide us with the platform and impetus for Malaysians to excel and produce world class design. Better designed products will assist Malaysia's export oriented industries to compete more effectively in global markets," Effendi said.

Established in August 1996, Cenfad is Parson's exclusive affiliate school for South East Asian region. To date, Cenfad has invested more than RM6 million in the school. It offers degree programmes for communication design, product design, fashion design or interior design.

Currently, it has enrolment of 34 students pursuing their foundation year. The Center also recently offered continuing education classes for professionals and mature adults in computer design.

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