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ITM aims to be mega university by year 2000

SHAH ALAM, Wed. - Institut Teknologi Mara has set a goal to become a mega university by the year 2000.

It expects to have a student enrolment of over 100,000.

Its Rector Datuk Ahmad Zaidee Laidin said with the enrolment, the courses offered would also be of a wider range.

He said courses ranging from certificates to PhDs would be provided.

"The modes of learning include full time, part time and franchise system.

"The franchise system which will be carefully chosen will only be up to diploma level."

He said this at the opening of the 1999 International Wireless and Telecommunications Symposium/Exhibition at Hotel ITM today.

The two-day symposium cum exhibition was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Ahmad Zaidee said the focus of education was still in the field of science and technology.

ITM has branch campuses in every state.

The latest branch is in Kuala Pilah in Negri Sembilan.

"The new branch campus will begin its first intake of students in June," said Ahmad Zaidee.

He added the student enrolment was a little over 70,000 and the number of courses offered by the 17 faculties was 150.

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