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GRADUATES TOLD TO MAKE MALAYSIA A COMPETITIVE NATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Graduates of institutions of higher learning must do the utmost to help Malaysia become competitive in this era of globalisation, Agriculture Minister Datuk Dr Effendi Norwawi said today.

He said their minds must be quick and ready to adjust to the various challenges awaiting them on the outside world.

"Your mind must be creative and innovative as the country will need your collective knowledge power," he said when addressing the Lincoln University (New Zealand) International Graduation Ceremony at the Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) in Bangi.

Effendi also said they must be prepared to embrace failure in their quest to succeed as this would help strengthen their character.

More than 160 students received their scrolls mainly in commerce and management studies conducted by Uniten in collaboration with Lincoln University.

Uniten's Vice-Rector Professor Dr Zainul Abidin Md Shariff told the gathering that the university had embarked on its phase three projects which included the construction of the College of Business and Management as well as the College of IT buildings scheduled for completion in 2002.

He said this meant that Tenaga Nasional Bhd would have to inject another RM300 million into building the infrastructure making the total amount of investment in excess of RM1 billion.

Zainul Abidin said the Uniten-Lincoln partnership started in 1994 and since then, over 500 students had graduated.

Uniten was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last June.

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