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UTAR SEEKING COOPERATION FROM UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) -- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) is seeking the cooperation of several universities in its effort to secure world recognition, MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the International Academic Advisory Council of Utar, comprised many prominent international scholars and this was an advantage as it would help Utar earn recognition.

"When prominent scholars recognise us, the world will recognise us ... we are very grateful to these scholars who have come to help us," Dr Ling told reporters after briefing the advisory council members at the Tunku Abdul Rahman College in Setapak here.

Among the prominent academics in the council are Prof Wang Gungwu (Director of the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore), Prof Lee Yuen Tseh (President, Academia Sinca, Taipei) and Prof Charles K.C Kao (former Vice President, Chinese University of Hong Kong).

The others are Prof Tu Weiming (Director of Harvard Yenching Institute), Prof Yang Fuija (Chancellor, University of Nottingham), Tan Sri Prof Dr Augustine Ong (former Director-General of the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia) and Prof Dr Ghauth Jasman (President and Chief Operating Officer of Multimedia University).

Dr Ling said UTAR's first intake in June was on schedule and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would usher in the first batch of students and deliver his inaugural lecture to the freshies.

"This will a historic moment and this is something the Chinese community in Malaysia has been waiting for over 30 years now," Dr Ling added.

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