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Unitar, UMM receive MSC certification

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday presented the MSC status certification to two KUB Malaysia's subsidiaries, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak Sdn Bhd (Unitar) and United Multimedia Sdn Bhd (UMM) at a brief ceremony.

Unitar, the first virtual university in the country and region was awarded the status on Sept 10, 2001, while UMM, an e-learning technology provider, on March 29, this year.

Only six universities, including Unitar have been awarded the MSC status from a total 23 institutions of higher learning in the country, while UMM was awarded the MSC status in education, training and consultancy sector. There are a total 612 MSC companies in the country.

Dr Mahathir presented the award to Unitar president and chief executive officer Datuk Dr Syed Othman Alhabshi while UMM was represented by its CEO Dr Mohamad Salmi Mohd Sohod. Also present were KUB Malaysia chairman and CEO Datuk Hassan Harun and Multimedia Development Corporation head of higher education client services unit Dr Yew Kok Meng.

Unitar is the region's first MSC-status virtual university where education is delivered through the use of e-learning technology like the internet, web or compact disc-based courseware and facilitator-based tutorials or academic meetings.

The university is wholly-owned by KUB Malaysia, a public listed company on the main board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

It offers 11 academic programmes in the fields of Business Administration, Information Technology, Humanities and Social Science.

UMM is a subsidiary of Unitar. Its principal activities are to provide the IT infrastructure and virtual education solutions in a full convergence environment.

Its products and services range from courseware and software development, network and system services, customer relationship management and facilities to business operations development.

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