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MORE FACILITIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES

ALOR GAJAH, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Facilities at all "Pusat GiatMara" will be upgraded in line with the government's aspiration to turn them into Local Community Colleges.

Chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) Datuk Wira Abu Seman Yusop said with better facilities and highly skilled teachers, these colleges would produce better qualified Bumiputera graduates.

"MARA is thankful to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who in his Budget Speech said Pusat GiatMara will be upgraded to Local Community Colleges," Abu Seman said after closing the national level "Pusat GiatMara Tilawatil Membaca Al-Quran" at the Pusat GiatMara in Pengkalan Balak, Masjid Tanah, last night.

Also present was MARA Director-General Datuk Zamani Md Noor.

Abu Seman said at present there were 148 Pusat GiatMara and 28 more would be built under the current Eighth Malaysia Plan.

Since its inception in 1986, a total of 97,245 Bumiputeras had graduated from the Pusat GiatMara and of these 78,408 or 80.6 per cent had found gainful employment," Abu Seman added.

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