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MARA ACTIVITY CENTRES TO BE UPGRADED AS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

KUALA TERENGGANU, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Mara Activity Centres will undergo a complete revamp in terms of organisation and the number of courses when their status is upgraded to Community Colleges.

Disclosing this here today, Deputy Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus said discussions were being held with the Treasury to seek allocations for the upgrading, estimated at RM300 million.

"The decision to upgrade was announced by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he tabled the 2004 Budget last year," he added after launching a Computer Literacy Lab and Incubator Workshop at the Bukit Payong Mara Activity Centre near here today.

In accordance with the upgrading, new courses would be introduced while hostel facilities would also be built to accommodate students.

He said under the 8th Malaysia Plan, 36 Mara Activity Centres would be set up throughout the country. Some 2,400 trainees are already operating from the 20 such centres.

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