

**Parliament: Eight More Vocational Colleges To Be Built**  
**Bernama**  
**April 09, 2012**

KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry will build eight more vocational colleges to ensure an adequate supply of technical manpower in the country, the Dewan Rakyat was told today.

Education deputy minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said three would be built in Tanjung Piai, Pagoh and Pasir Gudang in Johor while the other five in Pasir Puteh (Kelantan), Kuala Berang (Terengganu), Pekan (Pahang), Dengkil (Selangor) and Gurun (Kedah).

"The government has implemented a comprehensive 're-engineering' vocational education transformation by replacing vocational secondary schools (SMV) with vocational colleges and introducing the Vocational Foundation Programme (PAV).

"For the purpose, 15 SMV will be upgraded as vocational colleges, while 15 government secondary schools will implement the PAV beginning this year," he said when replying to Ahmad Lai Bujang (BN-Sabuti).

Meanwhile, Rural and Regional Development deputy minister Datuk Joseph Entulu anak Belaun, replying to Tan Sri Tengku Azlan Abu Bakar (BN-Jerantut) said the ministry proposed to build a 61.3km road costing RM266.3 million that would link Kampung Pagi to Mat Daling in Pahang and benefit about 3,774 people.

---BERNAMA

Copyright © 2012 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v6/bm/newsindex.php?id=657861>