

## **Malaysia In The Forefront To Assist Asia-Pacific Countries In TVET**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is among countries in the forefront to assist the Asia-Pacific countries in Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), said Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid .

Therefore, he said the 2015 Asia-Pacific Conference On Education And Training provided the best platform for Malaysia to share its ideas, philosophy and views on efforts to develop and strengthen TVET.

"TVET becomes among the important components in Asia-Pacific. TVET also provided opportunities for the middle-class group to have access to better quality education," he told reporters after giving a keynote address at the conference here today.

Also present were deputy education ministers P. Kamalanathan and Chong Sin Woon.

The three-day conference, attended by participants from 27 countries, including Korea, India, Japan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Thailand and Singapore, is scheduled to be opened by Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh tomorrow.

Meanwhile in his speech, Mahdzir said education policies and strategies should be equitable and inclusive so as to reach the marginalised, including children with disabilities, and to ensure they accommodate the needs of all children.

"Countries need to prioritise TVET and place it among the mainstream education to ensure youths are equipped with skills," he said.

He said enrolment in TVET programmes would expand significantly, through extensive partnerships with industry, to ensure supply matches demand.

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