

**Malaysia Confident Of Asia Pacific Nations' Support To Secure Unesco Seat**  
**Bernama**  
**Aug 5, 2015**

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is confident of garnering support from the 48 Asia Pacific nations to secure a seat in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching said Malaysia had been striving since last year to have a seat in Unesco to play a bigger role in transforming its Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) up to the global level.

"We are striving to secure the seat which will give us the force to bring about changes in the field of education, especially in TVET," she told reporters after officiating at the closing of the Asia Pacific conference on education and training (ACET) 2015 here today.

In her speech, Yap said the time was right for Malaysia to ensure TVET was equally valued as a pathway for career success.

"To achieve this outcome, the ministry will intensify industry involvement and partnerships, streamline qualifications, improve coordination across the ministry's TVET providers and enhance branding efforts", she said.

Meanwhile the ministry's secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad said election to secure the seat would be done at the Unesco general conference in November.

"We are contesting to secure the seat for the period from 2015 until 2019, to represent the Asia Pacific countries," he said.

Also present was Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2015 BERNAMA

Source : <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v8/newsindex.php?id=1158664>