

# Polytechnic, community college student enrolment up by almost 20 per cent

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(FILE PHOTO) Intake of post-Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) students to polytechnics and community colleges has increased almost 20 per cent for the 2023/2024 Academic Session. -NSTP/DANIAL SAAD

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The intake of post-Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) students to polytechnics and community colleges has increased almost 20 per cent for the 2023/2024 Academic Session I, according to the Higher Education Ministry's Department of Polytechnic Education and Community Colleges (JPPKK).

The department's director-general, Dr Mohd Zahari Ismail, said new student registration statistics as of August 25 showed polytechnics and community colleges have received 26,539 new students for this session compared to 22,634 students for last year's session.

"It is a big jump and was beyond expectation. I want to thank the JPPKK Student Intake and Development Division for its continuous efforts to raise student enrolment in polytechnics and community colleges," he said in a statement yesterday (August 27).

He said out of the 36 polytechnics across the country, 10 of them also managed to record an excellent intake of new students where they exceeded 100 per cent, while 24 out of 105 community colleges received a very encouraging intake of students.

Among the fields of study that are in high demand at polytechnics and community colleges are electrical and electronic engineering, mechanical engineering (automotive), civil engineering, architecture, food technology, information technology (digital technology), creative technology, culinary arts, trade and tourism and hospitality.

"As the student registration session is still open until September 18, JPPKK is targeting a total of 32,000 new students to register at polytechnics and community colleges for this session," he said. --BERNAMA