

Offer more high tech TVET courses to fulfil workforce demand of investors, says Zahid

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PUTRAJAYA: In a bid to deter overlapping and mismatches, all entry applications to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions will be streamlined to a single platform from Oct 30.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said all applications will be channeled to a single window method on the UPTVET website managed by the Human Resources Ministry.

The website, he said, allows for applications to be submitted to 1,334 public, government, state government TVET institutions.

Zahid, who had earlier chaired the TVET Council Cabinet Committee meeting, said applicants can pick their courses and the institution they are interested in on UPTVET.

"We had also decided that courses offered must be related to the field of high technology, including renewable energy and those that fulfils the workforce demand of foreign investors.

"This is so that investors gain trained skilled workers and they can be directly absorb into these companies.

"We are doing is as aspired by the prime minister who stressed on renewable energy and also the New Industrial Master Plan (2030) which is expected to provide 3.5 million job opportunities from now until 2030.

"Through the council, I also ordered the TVET secretariat to come up with a roadmap to outline the nation's TVET 1.0 policies until 2030 and then TVET 2.0 until 2050," he said after the meeting with 12 TVET related ministries, industry figures and academicians today.

Zahid had earlier witnessed the exchange of documents for a memorandum of cooperation between the government and government-linked companies and private companies.

He said the nation needed to emerge from conventional TVET training to not only provide jobs but also churn out entrepreneurs.

The marketability of TVET graduates, he said, had risen to 92 per cent while there were 7.5 per cent of them who chose to pursue education at higher level.

"TVET must be made the first choice because it is the future. We can overcome dropouts and lower the unemployment rate," he said.