

'Flexi-education offers work experience'

KUALA TERENGGANU: Beginning this year, students of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) will participate in a programme that allows them to harness working experience while studying.

They will study for two years and spend two years working in companies for hands-on experience in their chosen field that will almost guarantee jobs after graduation.

Accountancy is one of the fields that have been given priority because the country needs 60,000 accountants in the near future.

"It is like housemanship for doctors. But, in this case, the students will spend two years attached to companies involved in this programme, where they will practise what they learn. This is what we call flexi-education," said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh yesterday.

He said UMT and UniSZA would share resources, including lecturers, and facilities, and students could enrol for subjects not taught in their universities.

"It saves money, time and procurement of the right expertise to be pursued by the students. Students



Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh (second from right) at the closing of the 1Malaysia Training Programme (SLIM) at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu in Kuala Nerang yesterday. With him are (from left) Minister in the Prime Minister's Department **Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar**, UMT Vice-Chancellor **Profesor Datuk Dr Nor Aeni Mokhtar** and Nusantara Technologies Sdn Bhd executive chairman and managing director **Datuk Dr Ghazali Datuk Mohd Yusoff**. Bernama pic

can participate in any of the 130 companies, including non-government organisations," he said after closing the 1Malaysia Training Programme (SLIM).

Idris said under SLIM, selected

entrepreneurs with growth potential would each receive RM10,000 as working capital.

"Their entrepreneurship will be monitored and participants will be guided to achieve their goal."