

# Jimmy Choo apprenticeships for UiTM

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**SHAH ALAM:** Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) plans to send three of its best students in Design and Shoe Technology to Jimmy Choo Couture in London as apprentices from the middle of next year.

Choo made the offer to train the students when he met Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and representatives from the UiTM Faculty of Art and Design at the minister's residence last week.

The shoe designer who found

fame in Britain, said he hoped to see the country producing more top designers and craftsmen.

"I have seen the world and gained a lot of experience and knowledge, and now it is time for me to share that knowledge," he said.

According to UiTM Art and Design Faculty dean Assoc Prof Dr Baharuddin Ujang, the three students would be sponsored under the university's Young Lecturers' Programme.

"Jimmy Choo is an icon in the shoe design industry. This is a big contribution to UiTM," he said in a statement.

Besides becoming apprentices, Assoc Prof Baharuddin said the students would also be doing their bachelors' or masters' degrees there.

He said UiTM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah had also agreed to appoint Choo as a visiting professor and academic advisor at the varsity.