60 more vocational schools to be awarded 5S certification

ALOR SETAR: Sixty more vocational schools, technical vocational schools and vocational colleges nationwide will be awarded the 5S certificate by year-end, said Education Ministry technical and vocational division director Ahmad Tajudin Jab.

He said the 5S, which referred to a Japanese management methodology based on five principles - seiri (discard), seiton (sort), seiso (straighten), seiketsu (standardise) and shit-suke (sustain) - was instrumental in motivating students and enhancing school performance.

Debunking a misconception that vocational education is a second-class education, he said students pursuing diploma courses needed the skills taught in vocational schools.

"Vocational schools will be awarding a skill certificate besides Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia to students as the SPM certificate alone will not be adequate for them to secure a job," he added.

Ahmad Tajudin said 78 vocational schools would be upgraded to vocational colleges by next year while only 10 vocational schools would be maintained. - Bernama