States to have PTPTN branches

**PASIR GUIDANG:** The National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) will set up state branches nationwide to facilitate consultation process of study loans with students.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin said the branches would be set up in all state capitals within the next two to three months. This was among the improvements that had already been planned for PTPTN in its bid to provide more efficient services.

“Right now, the PTPTN has Bank Simpanan Nasional and other agencies to disburse funds to students. But with the setting of branch offices nationwide, it will help the consultation process between students and PTPTN,” said Khaled after closing the third edition of the IMalaysia Orienteering Challenge jointly organised by the Higher Education Ministry and Universiti Teknologi Mara yesterday.

He said the PTPTN was in the midst of improving its operations and services to loan borrowers, whether existing or in the future.

“Among the requirement we have already imposed is for students to have started their own savings. When this is done, they would not need to take up a large sum for their study loan.”