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KUCHING: The state government has high expectations for Polytechnic Kuching to be one of the main technical institutions that can produce and supply semi-professional workforce to meet the needs of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewal Energy (SCORE) mega project by the year 2030.

Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister’s Office (Technical Study Promotion) Datu Len Talif Salleh in saying this yesterday added that this was because Polytechnic Kuching had shown an excellent good track record in the context of producing graduates to meet all the employers’ needs and requirements.

"Based on the programmes currently offered at Polytechnic Kuching, I am very confident and believe that the resources of the semi-professional and technical manpower needed for this country, particularly for Sarawak can be filled by graduates produced by Polytechnic Kuching, said the Assistant Minister.

Len, who is also Assistant Minister of Environment said this in his speech at the 20th Polytechnic Kuching Sarawak Convocation Ceremony which was held at a leading city hotel, here yesterday morning.

The two-day convocation, which officially opened yesterday, involved 1,133 Polytechnic Kuching students graduating and receiving their certificates or diplomas with 598 graduates from December 2010 session, 460 graduates (June 2011 session) and 75 graduates from the May 2011 short-term session.

The graduates consist those from the Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Petrochemical Engineering, Department of Commerce as well as Technology & Communications Department.

"Hitherto, Polytechnic Kuching has produced 18,805 graduates with certificates and diplomas in various fields.

“As more highly skilled human workforce is needed, especially to fill the various vacancies in SCORE, I hereby urge the graduates not to miss and pass the opportunities that have been provided and offered by the government.

Reminding that there are about 1.5 million job opportunities that will be created and offered in Sarawak with 52 per cent of the portion to be centralised in SCORE alone, Len said 70,000 of the jobs offered are for those with the technical and engineering fields.

This year’s Polytechnic Kuching excellent award went to Ling Pick Soon from Sri Aman, who is presently pursuing a Masters degree in Business Management in UNIMAS.

Also present at the convocation were Polytechnic Kuching Sarawak Director Clara Ong Guat Leng, Research and Innovation Department Director Dr Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Academic Deputy Director Sham-suria Mohd Ariffin, Academic Support Deputy Director Jenain Entol and other distinguished guests.

LING PICK SOON... never thought that he would be chosen as Polytechnic Kuching Sarawak excellent student award winner yesterday.
ITS OFFICIAL as Len (third left) hits the gong to mark the officiating of the 20th Polytechnic Kuching Sarawak Convocation Ceremony with other distinguished members of Polytechnic Kuching Sarawak at a city hotel, in Kuching yesterday.