Skills certificate holders to pursue technical degrees

**SHAH ALAM:** The Human Resource and Higher Education Ministries are discussing ways to provide skills training participants the opportunity to further their studies at tertiary level.

Human Resource Minister, Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said the collaboration was in line with efforts to upgrade the Malaysian Skills Certificate to degree level in order to encourage more participants to the skills courses.

“For instance, this collaboration would help those from the Advanced Technology Training Centre (ADTEC) to obtain a degree from a technical university. “We are fine tuning several matters with the Higher Education Ministry,” he told reporters after distributing 1Malaysia Book Vouchers to Human Resource Training Institute students at ADTEC, Shah Alam here yesterday.

He elaborated that so far Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka and Universiti Tun Hussein-Onn, Johor have been identified for the purpose.

On a separate development, Subramaniam said he had personally visited about 200 nursing students at a private college recently who had complained about the difficulty in securing employment at government and also private hospitals.

He advised the students to ensure they had ample job opportunities upon their graduation.

“Nursing students must ensure that the private colleges they attend have employment agreements with hospitals so they can be easily absorbed after graduation,” he added. - Bernama