SHAH ALAM: Accountants too have a role to play in combating corruption in the country, Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said.

"With your skills, you're equipped to sniff out irregularities and corruption. It's part of your profession to assist the government to reduce corruption in whatever capacity you serve, be it in the government or the private sector," he said.

Mukhriz said this in his keynote address at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Accounting Faculty's Excellence Day 2011/2012 here yesterday.

At a press conference later, Mukhriz noted that individuals who practiced corruption included those who made false or inaccurate reports.

He said this was why the government needed accountants to lodge reports on any irregularities in companies that sought their service.

Meanwhile, UiTM vice-chancellor Datuk Prof Dr Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar told reporters that the university was looking forward to introducing languages like Portuguese and Hindi among its accounting students.

"This is to tap the demand for accountants from emerging economic powerhouses like Brazil and India," he said.

He said UiTM would approach respective embassies to get proficient language teachers to teach the students.

The Accounting Faculty has engaged seven lecturers from China to teach Mandarin students, he said. - Bernama