KUALA LUMPUR: University graduates need to acquire a foreign language skill, to ensure they can effectively compete on the international job market, says Minister of International Trade and Industry, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said there were a lot of Malaysian companies operating in other countries and needed workers with a variety of skills. “We not only need to focus on producing and having a pool of highly skilled and knowledgeable talent, but also those with foreign language abilities. Today, several languages are being used on the international level,” he added.

Mustapa was speaking to the media after officiating the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Sector Focus Career Fair 2012 (SFCF 2012) here yesterday. — Bernama