

TVET in Sabah is still far behind

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KOTA KINABALU: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) facilities in Sabah are lagging far behind due to a lack of students who pursue studies in this field.

Chairman of Sabah Skills and Technology Centre (SSTC), Datuk Seri Panglima Wong Khen Thau, said that more than 40,000 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) graduates in Sabah did not make an effort to further their studies in higher education.

He added that this is because they do not have a strong financial source to do so. According to his records, about 50 percent of SPM graduates continue their studies in higher education or enroll in skills training.

“Meanwhile, others remain without pursuing education or taking up skills and work in nearby supermarkets. In addition, some of those who do not take up existing skills remain unemployed,” he said.

He added that despite the financial assistance provided by the National Higher Education Fund Corporation, or better known as PTPTN, many school leavers are still unable to pursue their studies.

“This is because they are unable to pay for their living expenses when they continue their studies,” he said.

He added that most of the school leavers come from rural areas in Sabah.

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