

Making Sarawak a reference centre for skills training

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Abang Johari Tun Openg delivers his speech. Photo: Ukas

MUKAH: The state government wants to make Sarawak a reference centre for skills training involving niche areas in the state.

Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg said the state-wide Centexs campuses were offering certification courses that were recognised worldwide.

“The Centexs in Mukah is not only for Sarawak. It is one of the best campuses internationally so we also open it to international students.

“This means we can allow foreign trainees to come from other countries and through that, we can engage the locals and build networking,” he said.

Abang Johari disclosed this when officiating at the launch of the Oil and Gas Academy along with the Palm and Agriculture Academy at Centexs Mukah today (Aug 28).

Abang Johari said Sarawak, in spite of its target, had only a population of about three million people.

“If we open our centres to foreigners, the way we learn will be different — it will be more global. When we achieve a developed state status by 2030, Sarawak can be a reference centre for others.

“That is why we are willing to invest in training centres as we want outsiders to come and provide benefits to us,” he said.

The chief minister explained that Centexs Mukah was focusing on precision farming and modern agriculture.

“In Mukah, we want to develop sago palm, oil palm and nipah,” he said.

Abang Johari pointed out that the process of harvesting nipah had to be less intrusive and more sustainable to the environment.

“The price of Gula Apong, which is derived from nipah, is increasing. It is used in ice-creams, cakes and biscuits. It can be our export product and can elevate our food industry.

“So we need to use new technologies and in Mukah, we are focusing on providing training for them,” he said.

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