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KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Mimos for an apprenticeship programme, Centre of Domain Expertise Acceleration (CODE8), in line with the National Higher Education National Plan (NHENP) to develop human capital in the country.

In a joint statement yesterday, the parties said the programme was aimed at harnessing fresh talents which were industry-ready in the field of information and communications technology (ICT).

MoHE aims to provide 75% of graduates with jobs that match their qualifications upon completion of their respective courses. The programmes aim to equip graduates

with value-added skills to make them more easily accepted in the industry, while reducing unemployment rates among graduates.

This is also in line with the national aspiration of increasing the number of researchers, scientists and engineers (RSE) from 18 per 10,000 workforce in 2008 to 50 per 10,000 workforce by 2010. CODE8 is a mentoring and

coaching training programme designed to provide workplace experience to fresh local and foreign qualified graduates in the fields of software engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, artificial intelligence, wireless communications and/or knowledge engineering.

"CODE8 is part of Mimos efforts in growing globally competitive in-

digenous industries, which include developing domain experts. The development programme is aimed at ensuring Malaysia has a talent pool that has the right skills and is in the

right place at the right time," said Mimos president and CEO Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

Under the agreement, MoHE will provide funding for CODE8 while Mimos will provide the technical expertise. At the end of the one-year programme, Mimos will assist in finding job placements for all apprentices in line with their competencies.

At the MoA signing ceremony, MoHE was represented by its secretary-general Datuk Dr Zulkefli A Hassan, while Mimos was represented by Abdul Wahab.