

Headline **Institutions to get funds to make grads marketable**
Date **21 Oct 2009**
MediaTitle **The Star**
Section **Nation**
Journalist **N/A**
Frequency **Daily**
Circ / Read **293,375 / 1,026,812**

Language **English**
Page No **6**
Article Size **80 cm²**
Color **Black/white**
ADValue **1,452**
PRValue **4,357**



Institutions to get funds to make grads marketable

KUALA LUMPUR: Public institutions of higher learning will receive a RM1mil allocation each to organise programmes designed to make graduates more marketable to industry players, said Higher Education Minister Datuk Khaled Nordin.

Khaled said the programmes should be based on strategic sectors that could improve innovation based industries and guarantee graduates

job opportunities.

"It is not enough to just acquire knowledge in universities because the working world needs graduates who are able to compete and there are constant changes taking place in these industries.

"Universities can bring up suggestions for these types of programmes to the ministry," he said after witnessing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Centre of

Domain Expertise Acceleration in ICT with Mimos Berhad here yesterday.

The memorandum was signed by the ministry's secretary-general, Datuk Dr Zulkifli A. Hassan, and Mimos CEO and president Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

Khaled said the ministry had carried out various joint efforts with industry players and spent RM48mil on such programmes. — Bernama