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## 23,260 openings under Graduates Marketability Programme

PUTRAJAYA: Another 23,260 places will be made available by the Higher Education Ministry under its Institutions of Higher Learning Graduates Marketability Programme, said its Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Friday.

He said the openings will be up for grabs for the 2009/2010 intake in an effort to increase graduate marketability.

"A total of 18,304 graduates have taken part in the programme until early this year," he said.

Mohamed Khaled said, to ensure that the objective is reached, the Ministry was cooperating with other industries such as the Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (Mimos), the Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation (Smidec), the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDc) and the Biotech Corporation.

The programme comprises of the Professional Appointments Programme, My Career My Future Programme, Career Xcell, Pribumi Investment Camp

and entrepreneurship which provide training required in the current job market, especially for graduates of literature and humanity courses.

Meanwhile, Mohamed Khaled said although a high percentage of unemployed graduates were literature and humanities studies graduates, these courses could not be neglected.

"The country needs a balance of education in all fields," he said in commenting on whether the Ministry would lower the student intake for the two courses.

"The Ministry will not lower the student intake for these courses, instead we will try to adapt the education and training for courses that have low marketability," he said.

Earlier, Mohamed Khaled had delivered a lecture on leadership titled Human Capital Development for the Future: Economic Development Catalyst, organised by the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT). - Bernama