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## Ministry plans to set up technical varsity with Mara

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Ministry plans to set up technical varsity with Mara Ricardo Unto Ricardo Unto jKOTA KINAI5AI.il: The State Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (KSTI) is p l a n i n g to establish a technical university with Mara to cater to t h e skilled and semi-skilled workforce demands in Sabah. Assistant Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Ruddy AwahRuddyhave skill certificates d o not have to g o to the peninsula to f u r t h e r their studies., This is part of t h e approaches outlined by KSTI to ensure skill training programmes will receive encouraging response f r o m youths in the State.Aside f r o m t h a t , the Ministry's Human Resource Development Department (JPSM) has cooperated with Malaysia Automotive Robotic a n d IoT Institute (Marii) to conduct a train-and-place programme in automotive technology. "Through the programme, JPSM will send Sabah youths to enrol in automotive and IoT-related programmes, as well as a placement in IoT automotive factories to overcome the issue of unemployment in Sabah starting next year," he told Nabawan Assemblyman Datuk Abdul Ghani Mohamed Yassin.JPSM plans t o provide opportunities to Sabah youths who.have t h e potential to further their education t o a higher level related to technical fields, especially automotive, digital and electronic technology. "JPSM has sent five JPSM trainees to further their t r a i n i n g to t h e diploma level in automotive maintenance and electric and electronics at Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) in 2020. "This programme will be continued and strengthened in future."Aside f r o m I hat, t h e Ministry's Sabah Creative Economy and Innovation Centre (Scenic) is actively conducting highskilled t r a i n i n g such as d r o n e technology, IoT, a n d big data, a m o n g o t h e r s."Scenic has signed a memorandum of u n d e r s t a n d i n g with Aerodyne and KKIP Aerospace Training Centre to expand the potential of d r o n e technology in Sabah."This MoU will be able to help the forestry and agriculture industry and also empowers youths through d r o n e technology training."A series of familiarisations with government and corporate departments in Sabah were held to identify the types of initiatives that can b e taken immediately," he said.

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