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# Explosive growth in TVET

Number of applicants skyrockets from 25,000 to 229,000

**KANGAR:** Applications to enrol in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes have seen significant increase to 229,000 participants from 25,000 two years ago, says Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the sharp rise reflected growing awareness among parents, SPM leavers and those unable to pursue higher education about the advantages of TVET, particularly its potential for high-paying careers.

"They found that TVET graduates can earn premium salaries, which are not bound by the government's minimum wage of RM1,700.

"In fact, some courses such as welding, the starting salary offered is RM7,500," he told reporters after opening the Kangar Umno division meeting, Bernama reported.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also National TVET Council chairman, said there are currently 1,398 TVET institutions nationwide, with strong demand for skilled labour, particularly from foreign direct investment companies operating in Malaysia.

"We will continue to expand the number of places and courses offered to match the country's workforce needs.

"For example, many private TVET institutions already offer programmes in artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things and robotics," he said.



**Party matters:** Zahid (second from right) officiating the Kangar Umno division meeting. With him are Kangar Umno chief Datuk Dr Fathul Bari (second from left) and Perlis Umno liaison chief Datuk Rozabil Abd Rahman (right).  
— Bernama

"We are confident the involvement of TVET students in these emerging fields is in line with the demand for skilled workers from international companies."

At another event, Ahmad Zahid reaffirmed the government's commitment to expand 5G coverage to rural areas as part of efforts to ensure local leaders are empowered to use social media for communication with residents.

"5G coverage must not be limited to densely populated areas, but

extended to KEDA zones and Felcra settlements," he said, referring to the Kedah Regional Development Authority.

Ahmad Zahid said rural leaders must embrace and be proficient in technology, especially in using social media as a tool to connect and engage with their communities.

He urged them to enhance their leadership knowledge in today's modern era by balancing traditional and contemporary telecommunication systems.

"Grassroots leaders should engage directly with the people instead of relying solely on reports," he added.

Ahmad Zahid revealed that RM40.7mil had been allocated to KEDA this year to benefit targeted groups, including rural youth throughout the state.

"Of this amount, RM10.62mil is specifically for leadership and youth empowerment initiatives, covering leadership training, entrepreneurship, education and skills development," he said.

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# MASSIVE RISE IN TVET APPLICATIONS

**DPM:** Number rose from 25,000 to 229,000 in 2 years as awareness of advantages grows

**KANGAR**

**A** PPLICATIONS for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes have increased from 25,000 to 229,000 in the past two years up to July 12, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad

Zahid Hamidi.

He said the sharp rise reflected growing awareness among parents, Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia holders and those pursuing higher education about the advantages of TVET, particularly its potential to open paths to high-paying careers.

"They know that TVET graduates can earn premium salaries, which are not bound by the minimum wage of RM1,700.

"Instead, earnings are based on skills. Some courses, such as welding, offer a starting salary of RM7,500," said Zahid, who is Umno president, after officiating at the Kangar Umno division delegates' meeting here yesterday.

Present was Perlis Umno Liai-

son Committee chairman Datu Rozabil Abd Rahman.

Zahid, who is National TVET Council chairman, said there were 1,398 TVET institutions nationwide, with strong demand for skilled labour, particularly from foreign companies investing and operating in Malaysia.

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"We are confident TVET students in these emerging fields can meet international companies' demand for skilled workers." **Bernama**



Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (left) speaking at the Kangar Umno division