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'Colleges have 210,000 foreign students'

KUCHING: The flexibility given to the development of private tertiary education has hastened the pace of manpower training to cater for the job market, said Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He said private colleges and institutions had, for example, found it easy to have twinning programmes with reputable foreign universities.

"We have been able to attract foreign students and there are now about 210,000 overseas students studying in Malaysia," added Taib at the opening of Inti College's Sarawak campus at Jalan Stampin Timur here yesterday.

He was later taken on a tour of the college's facilities, including its multimedia research and development centre. He also attended a multimedia presentation.

The college's board chairman, Datin Lillah Mohd Salleh, said over RM20mil had been invested in its development in the past 10 years.

"We now have over 2,000 students, and 317 of them are foreigners from about 10 countries, including Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and South Korea," she added.

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- Be visionary: Invite new designs and build with future needs in mind.

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