

## **Govt urged to redirect study aid**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Private institutions of higher learning (PIPS) have urged the government to divert some of its scholarships for bumiputra students to help increase their number in IPTS.

The Malaysian Association of Private Colleges (Mapco) fully supports the need for an ethnic mix in the enrolment in both IPTS and public institutions of higher learning (IPTA).

"Unfortunately, the government has allocated the majority of its scholarships to bumiputra students to study at the IPTAs and for the better bumiputra students to study abroad," Mapco said in a statement.

Mapco said many private colleges, especially the larger ones where initial and recurring operating costs are high, have to rely on cross subsidy from their owners' investments in other businesses to survive.

As part of their support for a greater ethnic mix, 11 out of 36 Mapco members have agreed to waive tuition fees, partially or fully, to bumiputra students who wish to study at their respective institutions.

They are Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology, Sedaya College, ~~Imag College~~ Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Nilai College, Metropolitan College, Binary College, Stamford's College, Sunway College, HELP Institute and Kolej Bandar Utama.