

Adapting to rapidly changing ICT

INFORMATION and communications technology is developing so rapidly that new approaches to skills development and decision-making must be acquired, said Professor Brian Clayton, vice-president of University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus.

In addition, as technology took centre stage and became indispensable in the knowledge-based economy (k-economy), new approaches must be adopted to adapt to rapid technological changes, Clayton told a press conference in Kuala Lumpur to introduce a public talk to be presented by Inti Foundation, titled *Knowledge Economy and Higher Education in the 21st Century*, by Professor Yang Fujia, chancellor of the University of Nottingham, UK.

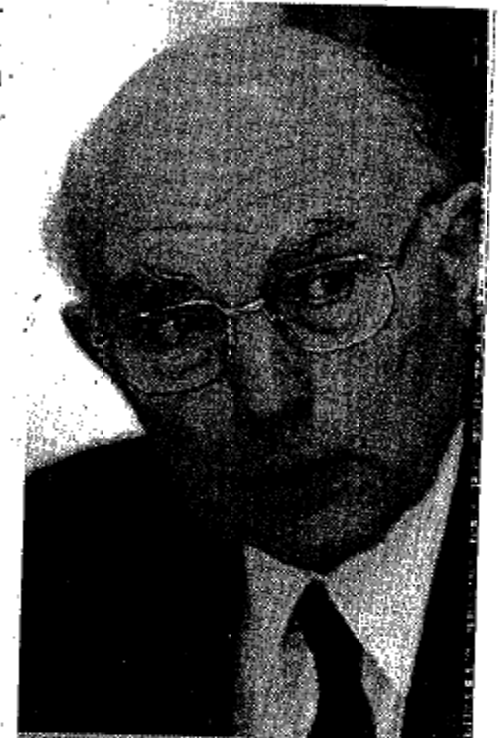
The public talk will focus on internationalisation of higher education, which would help to achieve a

nation's aspiration to develop a k-economy.

"The rapid transfer of information made people nervous," Clayton said. "For instance, we saw frequent reactionary contraction in the stock markets. When one bourse went down, the rest would follow suit. This is happening because of the quick spread of inadequate knowledge and misleading information."

For the present and the future, he said, the k-economy would depend on the quality of educational institutions, particularly those of higher education.

"As students acquire technology education, they need to take responsibility for developing new technologies, looking at new issues that come with them and produce innovative solutions to create a better place to live in," Clayton said.



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