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# Word 'college' to be dropped

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The Government has agreed in principle to drop the word "college" from the country's six public university colleges.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said the ministry was currently discussing the legal implications with the Attorney-General's Chambers.

In April, public university colleges had asked for the word "college" to be dropped from their names because of perceptions that they were inferior to universities.

The six university colleges are Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi, Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan Utara Malaysia, Kolej Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia, Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia, Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia and Kolej Universiti

Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn.

"There is no difference between a public university or a public university college," Mustapa said after handing over invitation letters to Cosmopoint, Inti College Malaysia and Taylor's College to upgrade to university college status.

"In fact, both establishments are of the same standard. When students apply for entry, they use the same qualifications, be it STPM or matriculation results," he added.

Higher Education Ministry public university management department director-general Prof Datuk Dr Hassan Said said in an earlier report that public university colleges were limited to 10,000 students and specialised in certain areas of studies as determined by the ministry, whereas universities had an enrolment capacity of up to 20,000 students each and offered various programmes.