

Scholars coming for meet on world-class universities

KUALA LUMPUR: Several distinguished scholars and academic administrators from local and foreign universities will participate in a conference on world-class universities here on Aug 18 and 19.

They include representatives from Harvard University, Cambridge University, University of Manchester, Monash University, Universiti Malaya, Multimedia University Malaysia, HELP University College, Sunway University College and INTI College.

The conference, organised by *The Star* and the Asian Centre for Media Studies and supported by the Global Malaysians Network, is aimed at assisting local institutions of higher education to attain world-class status in the drive to make Malaysia a regional centre for ter-



tiary-level education.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will open the two-day conference which will be held at Nikko Hotel here.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad will present a special address, while Professor Wang Gungwu, director of Singapore's East Asia Institute, will deliver a keynote address entitled *What Makes A University Today Really Good?*

The conference will discuss strategies to achieve high-quality university teaching and research, as well as steps to

become international institutions.

There will also be exhibition booths as well as discussion rooms for exploring networking and collaborative opportunities with participating institutions.

The conference is suitable for chief executive officers, academicians, researchers, policy-makers, business managers and administrators and all in the education sector.

Participation is at RM600 per person. For groups of four or more participants from the same company, the fee is RM700 per person.

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