Five million highly skilled workers in five years — Subramaniam

PUTRAJAYA: The government targets to raise to five million over the next five years the number of highly skilled workers now standing at 3.1 million among the 12 million workers in the country, Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr S. Subramaniam said yesterday.

“This means that every year we have to convert about 360,000 non-skilled workers into highly skilled workers or create that number of highly skilled workers.

“This is a challenge for the government in making Malaysia a high-income nation,” he told reporters after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) among the Skills Development Department, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) and the Vocational Education Training Academy (Veta), here.

Subramaniam said the ministry would collaborate with the Higher Education Ministry to enable holders of the Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) to pursue education at diploma and degree levels at all polytechnics in the country.— Bernama