UniRazak to nurture top leaders

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KUALA LUMPUR: Being named after Malaysia’s second prime minister and the father of development, University Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) is determined to emulate its namesake in producing quality leaders, managers and entrepreneurs.

UniRazak president and vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Md Zabid Abdul Rashid said they were remodelling the institution into a boutique university to meet the demand for quality human capital particularly in managerial leadership, entrepreneurship and civil service.

“When we talk about a boutique university, we are referring to a small institution which focuses on certain areas of studies,” he told the New Straits Times recently.

For UniRazak, this will be in the areas of innovation, leadership and entrepreneurship.

“Through innovation, we get quality leaders, and through leadership, we can produce capable entrepreneurs. Our intention is to produce quality human capital for the country, and ultimately, for the region,” he said.

The Razak Campus houses the Bank Rakyat School of Business & Entrepreneurship, Tun Abdul Razak School of Government and Graduate School of Business.

In the bid to provide quality graduates, many of UniRazak’s schools had formed strategic alliances with top-ranked educational institutions from various countries.

The Bank Rakyat School of Business and Entrepreneurship’s course in entrepreneurial leadership, was developed in collaboration with America-based Babson College, which has been ranked number one among all business schools for entrepreneurship for the last 18 years.

Meanwhile, its Graduate School of Business offers Master’s and doctorate programmes which are conducted in collaboration with five other European universities.

“This is the only programme of its kind in Asia where our students can opt to study here or in Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Russia or the United States.

“They will enjoy credit transfers, recognition and receive degrees from the respective institutions.”

He said students enrolled in the MBA in Entrepreneurship and MBA in Global Islamic Finances, could opt to do their first semester in one of the countries and the following at another country of choice.

“It’s up to students to choose, as each of the partner university will specialise in something in particular,” he said.

Zabid said currently UniRazak offered eight courses to be awarded under the Tun Rahah Scholarship.

The courses are the Bachelor of Business Management (Entrepreneurship) (Hons), Bachelor of Business Administration (Islamic Financial Planning) (Hons), Bachelor of Business Administration (Islamic Banking & Finance) (Hons), Bachelor of Business Administration (Insurance) (Hons), Bachelor of Accounting (CPA) (Hons), Bachelor of Taxation (Hons), Bachelor of Arts (Leadership) (Hons), Bachelor of Arts (Government & Public Policy) (Hons) and Bachelor of Economics (Hons).

“The Tun Rahah Scholarship caters to underprivileged students pursuing tertiary education at local universities,” he said, adding that the scholarship would be launched early next year.

He also expressed hope that the corporate community as well as wealthy philanthropists would play an increasingly active role by offering more sponsorships to students.

Zabid said by funding scholarships, they were contributing towards the development of human capital in the country.
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