

Technological University Planned for SibU to Meet Demand for Skilled Workers

To meet the high demand for skilled workers arising from the implementation of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), a technological university has been proposed for SibU. Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said that, by 2030, at least 100,000 more engineers and another half a million workers with skills in welding and computing would be required. The state was still facing an acute shortage of technical personnel to support its future development although it already had four universities providing commercial and management training.

According to a survey, Tan Sri Abdul Taib said that about 52% of the jobs created from now until 2030 would require at least semi-skilled workers, and that SCORE, when fully implemented, would attract an investment of RM30 billion. He also advised youths to seriously consider taking up technical jobs as their future would be brighter if they were willing to adapt to the changes that will take place until 2020.

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