

TAR UC to Get Varsity Status



KUALA LUMPUR: Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) will soon gain university status.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong says it is in the midst of becoming a “fullfledged university”.

“I am confident that , under the leadership of TAR UC board of governors chairman Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and TAR UC president Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei, we will achieve this goal before long,” he said at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new student centre at TAR UC Kuala Lumpur main campus yesterday.

Dr Wee also said that cumulatively, both TAR UC and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) – another higher education institution under MCA – have a student body of 50,000.

“Together, both higher education institutions have been providing education to all Malaysians regardless of their background or who their father, grandfather or family supports.

What is important is educating our children,” he said.

Meanwhile, in a post on Facebook, Dr Wee said the student centre at TAR UC was set to also house a centre for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

“This will be a one-stop centre that aims to bring together SMEs and the supporting ecosystem to synergise towards innovation and entrepreneurship for the betterment of the SMEs and the wider community.

“As one of the nation’s premier higher learning institutions, TAR UC has throughout the years been supportive towards the transformation plans set forth by the government by producing the much-needed human capital to help steer these aspirations,” he wrote.

Dr Wee said that as a result, TAR UC had proven its success over the years in understanding the human capital needs of the country.

“The setting up of the SME Centre is certainly a critical step in the right direction for TAR UC to support and develop SMEs to be the driver of growth in Malaysia.

“In the near future, TAR UC students who aspire to be entrepreneurs will be able to gain access to network connections, professional development and training or services as well as research knowledge transfer via the SME Centre to give them a leg up in their entrepreneurial journey,” he said, adding that people from all walks of life and corporations had been providing their support to TAR UC.

Dr Wee said TAR UC had shown remarkable results in various areas and it was in preparation to be upgraded to a university.

“All this is made possible with the efforts from both the teaching staff and the students as well as the support from the community,” he said.