

TAR University College In the Limelight

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Liow wants TAR UC to be full-fledged varsity



Hands on: Liow helping Jaringgo Angah fix his roof during the 'gotong-royong' at Kampung Orang Asli Hulu Chemperoh in Janda Baik. — ART CHEN/The Star

'It's time to step up and help boost growth'

SHAH ALAM: Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC), which has provided top-notch education for over 48 years, aims to become a full-fledged university by December, says its board of trustees chairman Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

"It is time TAR UC moves ahead to become a university, hopefully by year-end.

"I'm sure it will contribute tremendously to national growth by supporting human capital development," he said at the TARCian Alumni Association Chinese New Year dinner last night.

Liow, who is also MCA president, said TAR UC aimed to become an entrepreneurial university to engage industry players and impact economic growth.

TAR UC, he said, was also one of the cheapest private universities in Malaysia, providing scholarships and student loans to enable more people to achieve their educational dreams.

"The 29 interest-free revolving student loans have benefited our students since 1979, with RM30.7mil in loans given to 12,000 students. Also, RM100mil worth of merit scholarships have been given out to about 18,600 students," he added.

A siblings discount of RM1,000 has been created from this year, for new students who have siblings already enrolled in TAR UC.

Liow also noted TAR UC's commitment to education with two new campuses in Kuantan and Kota Kinabalu.

"The Kota Kinabalu campus is expected to be ready by 2019 and will offer programmes on leisure, hospitality and creative industries, as well as accounting, business, finance and information technology," he said.

Earlier, at a separate function, Liow said the new Kuantan campus, located in nearby Indera Mahkota, costs about RM45mil and is expected to be opened in June by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the current campus in Karak would be turned into an adult learning or vocational study centre.

On the East Coast Rail Link project, Liow said that it would boost the economy in his constituency of Bentong and travel time from Bentong to Kuala Lumpur will only take 20 minutes.

Earlier, he visited the Kampung Orang Asli Hulu Chemperoh in Janda Baik to take part in a *gotong-royong* event there.

