

# Qualifications register to be unveiled at show

**PETALING JAYA:** Students who want to know whether the course they are taking is accredited can now do so with the click of the mouse.

Deputy Minister of Higher Education Datuk Ong Tee Keat will launch the Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR) – a list of accredited programmes offered by Malaysian institutions of higher learning – at the MAPCU-MQA Higher Education Exhibition at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre, Kuala Lumpur, tomorrow.

The list will be available on the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) website ([www.mqa.gov.my](http://www.mqa.gov.my)).

MAPCU is the Malaysian Association of Private Colleges and Universities, a grouping of major and well-established private colleges and universities in Malaysia, while the MQA is the newly formed entity that merges the functions of the former

National Accreditation Board and the Quality Assurance Division of the Ministry of Higher Education.

“When the MQR is completed later, it will contain not just the list of accredited qualifications but also the details of institutions and the learning outcomes of each programme,” said MQA chief executive officer Datuk Dr Syed Ahmad Hussein.

Syed Ahmad said Malaysia was conscious of the issue of quality even when it began democratising higher education in 1997, and set up the first quality assurance agency in Asia Pacific.

On the upcoming MAPCU-MQA Exhibition, he said, “We invite learners to see what’s available at our colleges and universities, also to have a chat with MQA officers and give feedback, so that we can ensure quality. We may have overlooked some things and we

can learn from feedback too,” he said.

He said the exhibition, which is the result of cooperation between MAPCU and MQA is an example of how organisations can work together for the common good.

The exhibition is open from 11am to 6pm, tomorrow and Sunday. *theSun* is official media for the event.

Career guidance talks which have been organised are:

- » Jan 5 (Sat): Hospitality and Tourism (11.30am), Engineering (12.15pm), Functions of the National Accreditation Board (1.30pm), Architecture (3pm), Biotechnology (3.45pm), Medical (4.30pm).
- » Jan 6 (Sun): Law (11.30pm), Information Technology (12.15pm), Accountancy (1.30pm), PTPTN Loan Application procedures (2.15pm), Journalism (3pm) and Business Management/ Finance (3.45pm).

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