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IN tandem with the government's call to develop a knowledge-based workforce, Motorola Inc is offering its employees the chance to take up masters programmes in engineering-related courses to enhance their work skills and expertise.

It is also offering scholarship awards to deserving students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The annual scholarship awards, including the Motorola Gold Award and Motorola Book Prize, are worth a total of RM240,000.

Award recipients will also be offered internship and career opportunities at Motorola.

"We believe in human capital development," said Motorola Penang managing director, Yew Tian Tek. "We employ over 1,000 engineers. It is imperative that we continue to nurture the next generation of local talent."

The announcement of the scholarship awards was made at Motorola's University Appreciation Talk, a biannual gathering of senior executives and local university representatives to discuss current and future education needs for the industry.

Among those present at this year's Appreciation Talk were Motorola Malaysia human resources country director, Kamaldin Nordin, as well as representatives from 12 institutions of higher learning — International Islamic University Malaysia, KDU College Penang, Monash University, Multimedia University, Nottingham University, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Petronas and Universiti Tenaga Nasional.

For details about the scholarships, visit www.motorolacareers.com and search under the relevant job listings.