

Idris: Aim to have more lecturers with PhD on track

SEPANG: The Government is confident that it will be able to achieve the desired goal of having more lecturers with a doctorate degree (PhD) for universities in the country, said Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

He said under the second phase of the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (2011-2015), the Government wanted to achieve the target of having 75% of its lecturers with PhD at five research universities – Universiti Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

It also wanted to have 40% of such lecturers at other universities in the country, said Idris.

As of last year, he said the number of lecturers with a PhD in these research universities had reached 73% while in other universities, the figure was 38%.

“We will certainly reach the target earlier than expected. After this, we will set a new target,” he told reporters after chairing a seminar on the plan’s Implementation and Sharing of Good Practices here yesterday.

Idris said that to make the plan a reality, it was necessary to have cooperation from all. “Academics at the top level management should also make their contributions – not only in terms of teaching but in research and commercialisation purposes as well.” — Bernama