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Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin (left) handing over the certificate of registration from the Ministry of Higher Education to Professor Dr Muhamad Awang.

SEGi added yet another feather to its cap when it received the certificate of registration from the Ministry of Higher Education to be officially known as SEGi University College.

Minister of Higher Education Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin said the upgrade in status to university college reflects the growth and achievement of SEGi, which has emerged as one of the most successful private higher education institutions in Malaysia and abroad.

The upgrade also means that SEGi has met the ministry's stringent quality requirements, in addition to meeting standards set by world-class institutions and other professional bodies.

The university college has its RM150 million campus located strategically in Kota Damansara.

The purpose-built campus, launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi earlier this year, is equipped with full-fledged infrastructure including the latest broadband Internet-enabled computer labs, multi-million-ringgit pharmacy and engineering laboratories, auditorium and lecture halls, fully-equipped library with electronic resources, lifestyle cafes, on-campus student residence hall and a sports and recreational complex.

This will provide a complete learning experience for up to 12,000 local and foreign students.

"The academic team played a crucial role in helping the college acquire the status. Aside from possessing the right academic qualifications and industry experience, our faculty members undergo continuous upgrading and training" said Professor Dr. Muhamad Awang, who was appointed to head the new university college as vice-chancellor.

"Plans are in motion to recruit and upgrade the qualifications of its academic staff to PhD level in the next few years."

Muhamad was formerly University Putra Malaysia's deputy vice-chancellor and adviser to the Ministry of Higher Education.

The university college also

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aims to encourage a research and development culture among its academic staff. The publication of the inaugural *SEGi Review* reflects the new direction of SEGi.

At the handing-over ceremony in Putrajaya, Khaled said that "the development of human capital and intellect is a shared responsibility and the ministry welcomed SEGi's role in producing graduates with first-class mentality who could contribute to Malaysia's mission to become the regional hub of education excellence."

The minister also lauded SEGi's corporate social responsibility initiatives, and hoped that the new university college would "continue to grow to become a great institution of higher learning."

SEGi is poised to offer more courses other than its traditional business, accountancy and engineering programmes. It is moving towards programmes in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and allied health sciences.

"We have already launched our Pharmacy, Dental and Nursing Centre last week. And we received approval to offer the 2+2 Masters of Pharmacy in collaboration with the University of Sunderland. Plans are also underway to offer medicine and dentistry degrees in collaboration with University Airlangga."

"We are also looking into offering three to four subjects dealing with international finance and environmental issues, health security and food security."

SEGi will continue to collaborate with its consortium of global universities in other disciplines and provide pathways for students to obtain internationally recognised degrees.

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