Four new faces join varsity board

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said the appointment was made during Unisel board of directors meeting on Aug 14.

The new members are:
- Petronas vice president for education and former Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Ir Muhammad Zohadie Bardale,
- Petroleum Technology Berhad chairman and former Sirim chief executive officer Datuk Dr Mohamed Ariffin Aton, and
- lawyer Faekah Husin.

"Three of them have science and technology background and one is a very experienced lawyer and a partner in her own law firm.

"They were appointed based on their vast experience in administration and academic service management.

"As the university's new members of the board of directors, they will be responsible for improving the quality of education in Unisel, he said after launching Zirkoni87, a visual art exhibition by 25 lecturers of Unisel's Faculty of Industrial Art and Design Technology at Galeri Shah Alam recently.

Their appointment, said Abdul Khalid, was among the early steps by the state government to turn Unisel into a competitive university able to produce more graduates who are ready to serve in the international arena.

There are 13 members on Unisel's board of directors and the Selangor Menteri Besar is among them.

Abdul Khalid said he hoped to appoint a new vice-chancellor by the end of the year.

Unisel is without a vice-chancellor after the university's board of directors decided not to renew the tenure of Unisel's vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Razali Agus in June.

Unisel's dean of the school of postgraduate management, Professor Dr Khalifah Othman, has since been appointed the university's acting vice-chancellor.

"The new members of the board of directors together with the existing members will have several final discussions to select the new vice-chancellor.

"We will also appoint three deputy vice-chancellors for academic, student affairs and administration and property," he added.

Also present at the function were state executive councillor for higher education Dr Halimah Ali, Prof Dr Khalifah and Faculty of Industrial Art and Design Technology dean -Prof Datuk Raja Zahariuddin Raja Yaacob.