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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Institutions of higher learning play a vital role in producing graduates who are Industry 4.0-ready, said Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) vice chancellor, Prof Dr Mohamed Ibrahim Abdul Mutalib, at the 5th World Engineering, Science and Technology Congress (ESTCON 2018) launched today.

Being organised by UTP at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, the congress themed 'Science, Technology and Humanities: Reinventing the Future', will see Industry 4.0 and the change required in the higher education system high on the agenda of the over 1,000 experts from 40 countries attending.

Prof Mohamed Ibrahim said these institutions must ensure an attitude of lifelong learning is nurtured in students as it is vital in helping them adapt to changing times.

"Personal development, good communication skills and an enterprising spirit also require our attention," he told reporters at the congress.

Higher Education director-general, Datin Paduka Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, who officiated ESTCON 2018, also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between four Government-Linked Universities (GLU) in Malaysia and five institutions of higher learning in Indonesia under Aliansi Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Berbasis Badan Usaha Milik Negara (an alliance of private higher learning institutions), at the same event.

The institutions involved are UTP, Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten), Multimedia University (MMU), Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), Universitas Pertamina, Universitas Internasional Semen Indonesia, Universitas Telkom, Sekolah Tinggi Teknik PLN (College of Engineering Technology PLN) and Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Logistik Indonesia (College of Logistics Management Indonesia).

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