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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) has set up a technical training centre in Kota Belud, Sabah to beef up its staff competency, via its subsidiary Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB).

TNB chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie said the centre would be beneficial to SESB contractors and the public for the course of the first cable joiner in Sabah.

The course has been accredited by the Energy Commission to conduct training of trainers in the field of electric cables of up to 33kV.

Leo Moggie said the training centre would also involve another TNB's subsidiary, TNB Integrated Learning Solution Sdn Bhd (ILSAS).

"The establishment of the centre is in line with TNB's aspiration to develop human capital related technical training and specialised services performed by ILSAS, required for TNB and energy industry since 40 years ago."

"Since 1978, ILSAS has been developing active talent for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET). Through ILSAS, TNB had spent RM90 million a year for the development of human capital," he said.

TNB's involvement in developing human capital includes Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) and Yayasan Tenaga Nasional (YTN).

Of the total 27, 729 graduates from Uniten since its inception in 1997, a total of 12,505 graduates or 45 percent were engineering graduates.

Last year, Uniten was ranked within top two per cent out of 26,000 universities globally, based on the QS World University Rankings by subject regineering and technology.

"The foundation also offers 11,000 scholarships and variable loans since 1993," said Moggie again.

In 2017, YTN had spent RM55.78 million for the sponsorships for excellent Malaysian students to purse their studies in both local and overseas universities, bringing a total of over RM1 billion invested for that purpose.