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KAJANG: A single authority is needed to oversee the coordination of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme, said Permatang Pauh MP Nurul Izzah Anwar.

Nurul Izzah, who is Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) task force chairman, said she proposed for a TVET commission to be set up in Parliament and for the Department of Skills Development (DSD) to be more empowered.

This is to ensure that DSD can compel any TVET institution under any ministry to meet the stipulated requirements or face closure.

"If you don't have a single authority or regulatory body, you will never get anywhere," she said at the Empowering Women Summit 2018 at Universiti Tenaga Nasional here yesterday.

This comes after reports that the TVET landscape was fragmented, with programmes offered by agencies under different ministries, state skills development centres and private institutions.

She said there was also a need to standardise qualifications of TVET graduates.

"We even have two different bodies (of certification), the Malaysian Qualifications Agency for academic qualifications and DSD for TVET graduates."