



**Bright future:** Ong chatting with some graduates after attending the convocation ceremony at KTAR in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

# Ong: KTAR, Utar prepping students well

Graduates from these institutions enjoy a high rate of employability, says MCA president

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The collaboration between Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman on the one hand and the industrial sector have prepared their students well for the job market, said MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat.

He said graduates from these two institutes had recorded high employability upon completion of their studies.

"This is the area which we have been focusing and promoting and its results are the outcome of our efforts," he told reporters after attending a convocation ceremony at KTAR yesterday.

"These programmes have definitely equipped them with skills to face the challenges of the outside world when they join the workforce," he said, adding that MCA will continue to develop the two institutes and Institut Kojadi.

Ong said the college and the university had also been inculcating values and the appreciation of community service in rural areas.

"We organise homestay programmes for our students so that they will have the opportunities to mingle with the rural communities," he said.

Later at the opening the Wangsa Maju MCA Community Education Centre here, Ong said MCA would continue to serve the community through educational endeavours.

He said the opening of the party's community education centres in Wangsa Maju showed that the party had not slowed down in its service to the people there despite losing the constituency in last year's general elections.

Ong said this was in contrast with political opportunists who only performed "seasonal service" when there was an opportunity to gain political publicity.

He added that MCA's involvement in education did not mean the party politicised education.

"MCA as an entity was initially a welfare entity and later transformed into a political entity. Until today, we remain committed to our educational endeavours," he said.

In the press release by MCA's community education bureau which was distributed during the event, the party's 10 lifelong learning centres, 26 community libraries and 29 resource centres would be renamed "MCA Community Education Centres".

Meanwhile at the 8th Asia Pacific International Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2009, Ong said entrepreneurs should no longer benchmark their performances against domestic competitors.

"They should instead compare themselves against global entrepreneurs and competitors.