

Country needs more technology engineers

BATU PAHAT: The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) and the Board of Engineers (BEM) have been urged to look into the issue of the lack of registered technology engineers in the country.

Ayer Hitam member of parliament Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong said the shortage needs to be addressed as soon as possible as it would affect public confidence.

He said discussions should be held soon as there are four universities in the country offering 45 courses on engineering technology.

Wee said the country needs a special body to look into the future direction of the profession.

"There have been many discussions between BEM and Mosti in the past.

"However, there is still no answer to the problem," he said.

Wee was speaking at a public event at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia here recently.

Wee said if the problem was not settled, he would raise the issue with the cabinet to amend the Engineers Registration Act 1967.

However, he said a specialised body needs to be established to uphold the profession.

Present were Prof Datuk Dr Noh Dalimin and Semarang assemblyman Datuk Samsolbari Jamali.



(From left) Prof Datuk Dr Noh Dalimin, Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong, Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Ismail Bakar and Datuk Samsolbari Jamali having a discussion in Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, Parit Raja. Pic by Mustapha Ismail