KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry is looking into upgrading the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) up to a standard that will attract more students to venture into education.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said that students pursuing TVET would be given the best level of education to suit the working environment that is highly competitive and demanding.

"Our target is to upgrade the TVET up to the standard that is highly recognisable, as now some of the areas in TVET are far better than degree-based careers.

"So to achieve that exceptional standard, there will be no compromise in terms of quality and curriculum for students pursuing their education in TVET, that is our utmost priority and we will make sure that we maintain that level of standards all along," he told Bernama.

Mahdzir was met at the official dinner of The Asia-Pacific Conference on Education and Training (ACET) which was jointly hosted by the Education Ministry and the Higher Education ministry, here today.

Commenting on the conference, Mahdzir said that ACET was a significant platform to define recent trends and rethinking the future direction of thematic areas, particularly the greening of TVET.

"During this challenging time of globalisation, it is crucial for nations to come together to further contribute and discuss not only about the goals on education and training but on how to further strengthen collaborations among TVET partners.

"It is my fervent hope that issues discussed during the ministerial meetings and stakeholder dialogues will bring about significant changes in the development of a framework for skills development.

"This is considered a vital step to address the partnership gap and to monitor our progress," he said.

The dinner was hosted in conjunction with the ACET 2015 "Making Skills Development Work for the Future" which was officiated yesterday with around 1,000 participants from across 38 countries.

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