

## **KIST To Open Branch In April**

BACHOK, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- Kolej Islam Sains dan Teknologi (KIST) here, which focuses on paramedic courses, will open its first branch in Kuala Berang, Terengganu, in April.

Its Development and Business Department head Noor Haslina Abdullah said the new branch campus, costing RM23 million, would be able to accommodate up to 10,000 students.

"There will be 800 students for the first intake this April," she said when met by Bernama here Sunday.

She said the KIST branch in Kuala Berang would eventually be upgraded into a university in line with Terengganu's development.

Established in June 2005, KIST now has 1,800 students at its main campus in Kampung Telong here.

Most of the students are doing the three-year nursing or other paramedic courses and will have to undergo practical training at the government hospitals in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang.

Noor Haslina said applications to take up the courses could be made now.

She said approved by the Higher Education Ministry, KIST also planned to set up branches in Sabah and Sarawak in the near future.