Ensuring a higher degree of pay-off

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AST year when the Govern- ment announced a generous expansion of university places, it ac- cin- cined many Singaporeans that this will not undermine the value of a university degree.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) said the increase will be through more places and courses at the Singapore Institute of Tech- nology and SIM University, giving 40 per cent of Singaporeans a chance to go to university. This, it said, will also support the government’s drive to increase the number of polytechnic graduates to another 10 per cent of Singaporeans to add to a gain.

Parents and students cheered the government’s move and someProjected

to urge their children to go to uni-

cersity. But some in Singapore were concerned about increasing the number of degree holders.

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