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Additional training in store for Orang Asli youths

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Seventeen Orang Asli youths who received accreditation certificates from the Construction Industry Development Board today will undergo more training programmes and later be employed by the Emkay Group.

Emkay Group executive chairman Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal Abu Bakar said the training programme was a pioneer one to determine the response from Orang Asli youths.

He said the response was good and the company will have subsequent programmes to train interested youths as skilled workers.

The Temuan tribe youths received their certificates from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Kampung Bukit Lanjan this evening.

They had undergone a year's training programme jointly conducted by the Emkay Group through its member company, Saujana Triangle Sdn Bhd and CIDB through its training arm, Akademi Binaan Malaysia (Selangor) Sdn Bhd.

The programme, which is the brainchild of the Prime Minister, covered skills such as bricklaying, plastering, tiling, carpentry and backhoe operations.

"We will see how best we can expand the programme," Mustapha Kamal said adding that eventually the youths would be employed at its project called Damansara Perdana near Bandar Utama.

"They will also have the opportunity to work on the construction site of 147 bungalow units which will be their homes."

Emkay has allocated RM200,000 for the training programme from the RM60.9 million compensation package agreed upon in 1996 for the relocation of Orang Asli in the area.

Mustapha Kamal said Orang Asli families in Bukit Lanjan would also each receive a bungalow home and a double storey link house to be rented out.

Tereyak Yusop, 27, who received the certificate said he would like to learn more about construction skills.

Tereyak, whose mother works as a sweeper at Telekom (M) Berhad, dropped out of school when he was in Standard Three.

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