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TRAINING SCHEME FOR 10,000 UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES

MELAKA, May 25 (Bernama) -- The Human Resources Ministry can offer training schemes to 10,000 unemployed graduates thanks to the RM100 million allocation from the economic stimulus package.

Its minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said efforts to fulfil the demands of the job market were made possible through the RM7.3 billion package unveiled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday.

"Besides this, an additional RM500 million is available for the skills development fund that provides opportunities to workers to attend skills training," he told reporters after launching the Melaka Job Fair 2003 at Mahkota Parade here today.

"The graduates find it hard to get jobs because they have degrees in arts disciplines while job demands are for those with specific skills such as information technology and communication," he said.

Dr Fong said as an example, out of 1,400 graduates who registered at today's fair, only 10 succeeded in getting employment.

Employers from various sectors of the economy in the state including manufacturing, hospitality, service, construction and insurance participated in the two-day fair which offered more than 2,000 jobs.

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