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CAREER-BUILDING:

Yayasan Peneraju aims for 3,500 Bumiputera certified accountants by 2020

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday announced that accounting programmes under Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera are open for registration.

The programmes aim to produce

about 3,500 Bumiputera certified accountants by 2020, Yayasan Peneraju said in a statement.

Najib, who is also Yayasan Peneraju board of trustees chairman, said the foundation's second wave of programmes, beginning this year and lasting until 2017, would focus on basic certification programmes.

The programmes include Certified Accounting Technician (CAT), Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (CFAB) and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). The programmes aim to benefit about 16,000 Bumiputeras.

"Yayasan Peneraju has been mandated to raise the number of pro-



Datuk Seri Najib Razak presenting a token of appreciation to BDO Malaysia managing partner Datuk Gan Ah Tee after announcing that accounting programmes under Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera are open for registration. With them are Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar (left) and Yayasan Peneraju chief executive Raja Azura Raja Mahayuddin. Bernama pic

fessional Bumiputera accountants, in line with the Bumiputera Economic Transformation Road Map.

"The need to produce more certified accountants is significant in order to achieve high income nation status by 2020. This year alone, Yayasan Peneraju has provided various training opportunities for 600 Bumiputeras."

Programmes offered by Yayasan Peneraju include "Peneraju Profesional Akauntan Muda", "Peneraju

Profesional Akauntan Sarjana Muda", "Peneraju Profesional Akauntan Siswazah" and "Peneraju Profesional Akauntan".

Yayasan Peneraju is also widening its accounting programmes to holders of SPM, basic accounting certificates and diplomas, as well as post-Asasi and post-matriculation students, third-year bachelors students and first degree holders.

"I urge candidates to not miss this opportunity to embark upon a

career as an accountant and to progress towards being a certified accountant. The career has high market value and promises a lucrative income," said Najib.

The programme's first wave, which began in 2012 and ended on Dec 31 last year, benefited some 4,000 Bumiputeras in 51 programmes, 28 career specialisations and 10 industries, involving an expenditure of RM71.2 million. Bernama