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Yayasan Peneraju trains 10,000 Bumiputeras

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25PC OF TARGET:

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YAYASAN Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera has nurtured 10,000 Bumiputeras this month, a quarter of the way to the goal of 40,000 by 2020.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the talent was developed under the foundation's three thrusts — Peneraju Tunas, Peneraju Skil and Peneraju Profesional.

"This means that 25 per cent of the target of 40,000 by 2020 has been achieved. This was done through 117 programmes at a cost of about RM206 million," he said after chairing the foundation's Board of Trustees meeting yesterday.

Present were Higher Education

Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Second Finance Minister Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani and Yayasan Peneraju chief executive Raja Azura Raja Mahayuddin.

Najib said 75 per cent of the foundation's programmes were geared towards upskilling.

"By 2020, Yayasan Peneraju aims to train 30,000 under the Peneraju Skil thrust. As at June this year, 5,019 people have participated in 63 programmes under this thrust, involving RM51.6 million worth of investment."

Under the 11th Malaysia Plan, Najib said, the government tasked Yayasan Peneraju with expanding skills training and accredited professional programmes to develop a skilled Bumiputera workforce.

He said the programmes were tailored for two age segments — those aged between 17 and 23 under the Peneraju Skil Iltizam programme and those aged 40 and below who wanted to upgrade their skills under the Peneraju Skil programme.

These programmes provided industrial and international certification, job guarantees and career paths to a higher salary, Najib said.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak speaking after chairing Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera's Board of Trustees meeting at Perdana Putra in Putrajaya yesterday. Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah

He called on companies, government-linked firms, small- and medium-sized enterprises and public and private institutions of higher learning to support the foundation's efforts.

"This can be done either by capital injection, benefit in kind or jobs for Yayasan Peneraju trainees."

Contributions were crucial for the

foundation to meet its target of producing 40,000 skilled workers, he said.

Raja Azura said the foundation aimed to develop 10,000 more by the end of next year.

"Under the second wave, we have received RM400 million from the government. This year, 4,300 spots are available in our programmes."