

PM: SEEK JOBS AT CAREER FAIRS

Govt initiatives and programmes meant to help reduce unemployment rate, says Ismail Sabri

BATU PAHAT

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob yesterday called on the public, especially jobseekers, to make optimal use of the various initiatives and programmes relating to career opportunities organised by the Higher Education Ministry.

He cited initiatives such as the National Economic Recovery Plan's Higher Education Ministry-Career Advancement Programme (Penjana KPT-CAP), its Higher Education Ministry-Professional Certification Programme (Penjana KPT-PACE), and income-generating programme for tertiary students (GetHired@KPT), as well as MyFutureJobs as examples.

He said these programmes were meant to help reduce the unemployment rate in Malaysia to be below 4.2 per cent.

"These programmes are the touchpoints aimed at meeting the needs of the people," he said at the Keluarga Malaysia Higher Education Ministry (MOHE) Carnival in Parit Sulong near here yesterday.

Present were Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad and Johor caretaker Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad.

Citing the MYFutureJobs pro-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob receiving a memento at the Keluarga Malaysia Higher Education Ministry's Carnival in Parit Sulong, Batu Pahat, yesterday. With him is Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad. PIC BY ESSA ABU YAMIN

gramme, Ismail Sabri said 63,990 job opportunities in Johor were offered through the programme's official portal.

"For the carnival alone, there are over 3,000 vacancies. I call on everyone here to take this opportunity and to tell their friends and relatives who may need a job."

He commended the ministry for introducing the Siswa Sulung Keluarga Malaysia Development Programme (Sulung), which focuses on helping B40 students who are the first in the family to pursue higher studies.

He said the programme was

unique as the students would not only be given special access for admission to public universities but would also be offered scholarships, hostels and mentoring until they get a job.

"Credit must be given to MOHE for the initiative. I hope that a better level of education will bring these kids out of the B40 group and subsequently be independent after graduation.

"Their success will not only motivate their families but also the local communities," he said, while urging corporate bodies to extend contributions towards the success of Sulung.

Meanwhile, Noraini said Sulung was a manifestation of MOHE's efforts and commitment to meeting the needs of the people, especially for higher education.

She said the "Jom Masuk IPT programme to Parit Sulong" held here was due to a realisation on the importance of promoting higher education.

"Over 30 universities, as well as relevant agencies and departments, are coming together for the programme by opening booths, offering information, guides and consultation and even study loans to those interested."

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