

'EXPOSURE FOR YOUTHS'

'Perdana Fellows Programme sheds light on ministers' job'

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PUTRAJAYA: The Perdana Fellows Programme provides an opportunity for youth participants to understand the intricacies of the country's administration, as well as the responsibilities borne by ministers, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said before joining the programme, some of them might have had various perceptions of politicians and ministers.

"When sitting with ministers, you can know how difficult it is to be a minister, how ministers solve problems.

"There are those who work at the office even till midnight.

"This exposure is good so that participants know what ministers really do.

"Some might have thought ministers just sit in big offices, drive luxury cars.

"But wait until you are with a minister, you can experience the real situation," he said at the Perdana Fellows and Corporate Fellows Programmes Presentation Ceremony here yesterday.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob speaking to participants in the Perdana Fellows Programme at the Perdana Fellows and Corporate Fellows Programmes Presentation Ceremony in Putrajaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

A total of 82 youths will participate in the Perdana Fellows Programme and 28 in the Corporate Fellows Programme this year.

They will be placed in participating ministries and corporate companies, which include Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd and CIMB Bank Bhd.

Ismail Sabri asked ministers to provide as much exposure as possible to participants on the management of ministries, parliamentary duties and political tasks.

"Let them learn as much as possible so that they can gain valuable experience," he said, adding that exposure on political scenarios and the job scope of a politician were things that could not be learnt in universities.

The prime minister also advised participants to not wait for instructions and take the initiative to gain experience during their stint with ministries.

"If a fellow is invited (to a post-cabinet meeting), they can learn more about issues related to the

ministry and how ministerial policies are formed. This experience is invaluable."

He believed at the end of the programme, participants could secure even more job offers.

A total of 753 youths had been involved in the Perdana Fellows Corporate Fellows Programmes since their inception in 2013 and 2019, respectively.

Those selected for this year's programmes began their stint yesterday, and it will last until the end of the year. **Bernama**