

Fairs organised by BN Youth a real help for fresh grads
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KUALA LUMPUR: College student Parameswary Rathar still has a year to go till she gets her degree but she's not one to waste time.

The 25-year-old believes she has to make use of every opportunity to hunt down a good job.

This is why she did not miss the opportunity of visiting the BN Youth Job Fair yesterday.

Parameswary, who is majoring in international business with IT, said the fair has been a real help in presenting her resume to prospective employers, as opposed to just applying through e-mail.

"We definitely need more such fairs. My mother told me about it. They should have it three times a year," she said when met at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Parameswary said she has been working part-time in various IT firms during semester breaks to gain experience.

Also hopeful is IT freelancer Muhammad Azrul Nizam who wants to expand his experience by working for a multinational company.

The 23-year-old, who has been working on his own since graduating in 2008, said the fair is a great idea but he had to sacrifice a work day.

"Maybe the time can be extended beyond office hours as those who are already working may not have the chance to come," he said.

Chemical engineering graduate Ernest Lee, 24, hopes the fair could help him get a leg up in securing his first job after graduating last July.

"Right now I'm working for my dad at the family furniture company but I want to go into oil and gas," he said.

The fair's organising chairman and BN Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said they had successfully organised seven such events across the country.

He estimated around 400,000 people attended the fairs, with an average of one in every seven job seekers getting employed.

"We intend to make this an annual affair," he said.

The three-day fair ends tomorrow. The opening hours are from 10am to 6pm.

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