

**3.3 Million Job Opportunities Available Through GTP – DPM  
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MUAR, May 19 (Bernama) -- Youths in the country should equip themselves with various skills which will enable them to fill the 3.3 million job vacancies that will be available through the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Deputy Prime Minister said most of the vacancies were in 12 industrial sectors including those coming under National Key Result Areas (NKRA) such as the oil and gas industry.

"In eight years, lots of new job opportunities will be created by the government, and for that, youths must have the appropriate skills and qualifications to grab them," he said when launching the Pagoh National Youth Skills Institute (IKBN) Job Carnival, here today.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister and MP for Pagoh, said IKBN and other youth skills institutions had an important role to play in equipping youths with the needed skills.

The Deputy Prime Minister also gave examples of how Johor would require thousands of highly skilled workers in various projects such as the Petronas Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development (RAPID) project in Pengerang.

He said youths should equip themselves with the skills required so that the vacancies would be filled by locals.

Currently, Muhyiddin said, due to the lower unemployment rate in the country, international bodies had put Malaysia under the full employment category.

He said the achievement was possible because the Barisan Nasional (BN) government gave priority to the people's interests.

"In Malaysia, we don't have any problems in creating job opportunities. This is due to the hard work put in by the BN government," he added.

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