

**1Malaysia Training Scheme Bears Fruition For Jobless Youths, Says Nor Mohamed  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- The 1Malaysia Training Scheme, introduced by the government to reduce unemployment rate among youths, has borne fruition and has contributed to rapid economic growth, says Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop.

He said it was now easier for youths to get jobs than the youths in Europe, particularly in countries facing economic crisis like Greece, Italy and Spain, where the unemployment rate was high.

The training scheme, launched on June 1, 2011, has succeeded in providing training to part of the 20,000 university graduates and from other tertiary learning institutions who were unable to get jobs after graduating.

"Every year, we have 90,000 students graduating from universities and other institutions of higher learning. We see 70,000 of the 90,000 students face no problems to find jobs, but the remaining 20,000 face difficulties getting a job," he told Bernama after breaking fast with the Malaysian National News Agency staff at Wisma Bernama last night.

Of the 20,000 jobless graduates, some are enrolled into the scheme for various skills training, among them are English proficiency courses, and communication skills for several months before they are absorbed into their preferred fields.

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