



Job applicants pictured waiting for their turns to attend job interviews.

45,000 grads benefit from 1M'sia Training Scheme

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KOTA KINABALU: The 1Malaysia Training Scheme under the Prime Minister's Department hopes more private companies will come forward to assist local graduates boost their marketability.

This is also part of the effort to improve their socio-economy as well as the nation in general.

Its Head of Secretariat, Human Capital Development Section, Norashikin Datuk Ismail, said they are always ready to arrange for open interviews between private companies and graduates.

"We will do everything to help the Sabahans, especially graduates, to look for jobs," she said, adding that they were happy to announce that the interview is now also open for SPM, STPM and diploma holders.

So far, about 45,000 graduates had benefited under the 1Malaysia Training Scheme last year.

The Government had offered incentives to companies that implemented the 1Malaysia Training Scheme for the training they gave to local graduates.

According to Norashikin, the open interview held at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Dewan Kuliah Pusat 2 on

Thursday attracted over 1,000 job seekers in the State.

"There are 600 job offers from 10 well known companies present here today and we will only close after all the interviews are done," she said, adding that previously, in Labuan, there were 800 jobs offered from various companies as the demand was high.

"However, there were only 600 people who attended the open interview in Labuan due to floods," she said, explaining that they do not limit the number of interviews among job applicants.

UMS graduate T. Frankey Macerllinus when met during the programme said the open interview would definitely offer good opportunity to job applicants especially fresh graduates.

"This is my first time experience attending an open interview and I did not make any specific preparations," he said, adding that he had been searching for jobs since his graduation in 2013.

However, the 24-year-old Dusun who majored in Mathematics and Economy said that he is very confident that he will be able to get a job through the programme.