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Graduates from colleges or universities were reminded not to be too choosy in finding jobs, but accept any job that they could find and then try to improve themselves.

Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman said, the state government was especially concerned about the fate of university graduates who were graduating every year and finding the right job.

He said, the government has spent a substantial fund to provide good infrastructure in urban or rural areas to attract investors to invest in the country, thus creating yet more jobs for the unemployed graduates.

“The state government has also provided land and various schemes to help graduates particularly to be involved in agriculture, to be agriculture entrepreneurs.

“Agriculture today is not a dirty job or just for the poor, but agriculture can generate lucrative income. Thus, graduates must be positive and take the challenge, instead of seeking jobs that they like,” he added.

He said this when launching the state level interview programme of 1Malaysia Training Scheme (SL1M) at the Main Lecture Hall 2, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, this morning.

He commended the efforts undertaken by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of the Prime Minister’s Department (PMO) that provided a platform for graduates to seek career opportunities involving government-linked companies (GLC), government agencies and private sector that provided training career as a preparation to graduates undergoing training.

SL1M programme this year involved more than 3,000 job opportunities offered by more than 40 companies. Up until this morning, more than 1,000 visitors attended the programme to seek career opportunities on offer.

Present at the ceremony were the Chairman of EPU, Datuk Seri Dr. Rahmat Bivi Yusoff; Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Associate Professor Dr. Ismail Ali; Director of EPU Human Capital Development
Section, Amir Omar and Chief Secretary of the 1Malaysia Training Scheme, Hajah Norashikin Datuk Haji Ismail. – *MA (fl)*

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