

Guide students on career path, counsellors urged

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KLUANG: School counsellors have been urged to play a part in advising students on suitable programmes and courses to take following SPM to ensure they can secure a job in line with rapid developments taking place in Johor.

Johor Human Resources and Unity Committee chairman R. Vidyananthan said that students should be advised accordingly to avoid unemployment after completing their education.

"If you are planning to settle down in Johor, then you should take up a course in line with the developments in Johor, so that you will be able to secure a job then.

"Even those not academically inclined can succeed by taking up suitable skills training courses, as skilled jobs has been our area of focus," he told reporters before flagging off the Johor Career Expedition at Felda Ulu Belitong here on Friday.

He added that with mega projects coming up in Johor such as the Refinery and Petrochemicals Integrated Development (RAPID)

and Desaru Coast in Kota Tinggi, the state is in need of skilled workers to fulfil the demands of a total of over 70,000 job vacancies there.

"The priority will be given to Johoreans to take up the jobs, as we do not want the local community to lose out as the state progresses," he said, adding that those interested could simply take up a course at the many skills training centres in Johor.

Some 2,000 jobseekers thronged Felda Ulu Belitong to submit applications for job opportunities in the state through the Johor Career Expedition 2016 here

With 1,500 vacancies in the Kluang districts alone, unemployed locals took the opportunity to source for a job from 30 companies that participated in the expedition.

Vidyananthan said that this year's convoy would cover four districts starting from Felda Ulu Belitong to Kulai and Kota Tinggi before ending at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in Johor Baru on Sunday.



Vidyananthan (second from right) placing a flag on one of the cars in the convoy for the Johor Career Expedition 2016 at Felda Ulu Belitong.