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Youths encouraged to venture into world of entrepreneurship

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It was a proud day for students who did well in the 2008-2009 Youth Development Programme.



Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports presenting certificates.

Entrepreneurship is one of the fields that can contribute and generate income. Not only can it generate income for the people, it also serves as an integral part of the country's economic development. This is why Brunei Darussalam has always encouraged its people, especially the youth, to be actively involved in the entrepreneurial field.

These observations were made by Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Hamid bin Haji Mohd Jaafar, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports, who shared his views on the importance of the youths' involvement in entrepreneurship during a certificate presentation ceremony for students who did well in the 2008-2009 Youth Development Programme.

Speaking at the Youth Development Centre yesterday, the permanent secretary highlighted that successful entrepreneurial activities would lead to more employment opportunities, reduce the unemployment rate, lessen social problems, and improve the standard of living, as well as prosperity of a country.

"To venture into the entrepreneurial field, youths must not only be committed but also creative and innovative," he said, adding that they should also clearly identify what kind of business they want to be in.

As there are no limitations in the field of entrepreneurship, opportunities to cash in profits can be maximised because entrepreneurs are the ones who determine their own salaries and income for the business, he said.

Some 140 people who successfully completed one of the 10 courses for the 2008-2009 Youth Development Programme, such as 'Computer skill course and office administration', 'Cooking and catering skill course', 'Cake and pastries course', 'Basic sewing and embroidery skill course', 'Make up and hairdressing skill course', 'Hairstyling for men course', 'Plumbing and pipe fitting course', 'Welding and fabrication course', 'Air-conditioning and refrigeration course' and 'Vehicle body repair course'.

Hajah Dayang Fatimah binti Pehin Penyurat Haji Awang Mohd Salleh, the Head of Youth Development Centre, was among those who attended yesterday's ceremony.