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Fair a hit with working youths



How it's done: Nazir Husain explaining the online registration to jobs seekers Saidatul Melissa Nabila Mustain, 23, and Nor Faizah Shaari, 26, (left) during the carnival at PWTC, Kuala Lumpur.

Chairman: 80% of job seekers at BN carnival looking for 'greener pastures'

KUALA LUMPUR: The just-concluded three-day Barisan Nasional Youth Job Fair 2012 (BNYJF 2012) was a hit with working youths seeking a career upgrade.

BNYJF 2012 chairman Nazir Hussin Akhtar Husin said about 80% of the job seekers at the carnival were those who sought "greener pastures".

"We did a survey on some 400 job seekers and we found that nearly 80% are working youths," Nazir Hussin said at the closing day of the carnival at the Putra World Trade Centre.

He said that as of 2.30pm yesterday, the 273 employers at the job fair had received 46,730 resumes.

"We found that most of the job seekers would submit their resumes to as many prospective employers as possible, so that their opportunities are wider," he added.

"They then attend as many interviews as they can, but if none of the offers are better than what they have, they will remain in their present jobs."

The remaining percentage, he said, was made up of fresh graduates seeking their first job.

The chairman said the trend was a win-win situation for both job seekers and prospective employers as the latter would be more competitive in their offers while the job seeker could choose the best deal.

Based on feedback from the employers, Nazir Husin said the job seekers were more prepared this time around when it came to resumes and dress code.

He estimated that about 120,000 people visited the carnival.

Although the visitor count was lower than the previous two editions last year (500,000 in March and 300,000 in November), Nazir Husin said it was because they had not introduced job fairs in other states previously.

He added that Barisan Youth planned to organise the fair in the East Coast states early next year.

He also estimated that of the 40,000 jobs on offer, at least half would be taken up.

"We do not have the exact figure right now as most of the jobs will only be filled in the next few months after applicants have been shortlisted and have attended interviews."