

# RM2,000 SL1M allowance effective today

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The monthly allowance of the 1Malaysia Training Scheme (SL1M) has been raised from RM1,500 to RM2,000 effective today.

SL1M chief secretariat Norashikin Ismail said the increment was to help ease the burden of trainees in the federal capital.

"The cost of living in the federal capital is very high... The raise will somehow motivate them to perform better in their tasks," she told a press conference here Thursday.

Last week, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced the increase during his speech at the Open Interview for SL1M at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (Maeps).

To date, 400 companies had been directly and indirectly participating in the scheme which provided employment opportunities for more than 140,000 graduates.

Norashikin said SL1M would also organise the Sabah-level open interview at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Kota Kinabalu from March 17 to 18 with a target of 10,000 jobs to be offered to local graduates.

Among the companies that would take part in the programme are Maybank, Celcom Axiata Berhad, Petronas, UEM Group, Malaysia Airlines and Pan-Borneo Highway.

"We urge companies in Sabah to come to the SL1M (open interview) to offer employment to the local graduates," she said.

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