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325 apply to study at Brunei Maritime Academy



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A TOTAL of 325 people made online applications to join the newly-established Brunei Maritime Academy during the Energy Week 2014. Out of the total number, 273 were males and 52 were females.

Brunei Maritime Academy Project Director Lim Kian Buan said those who registered at the Energy Week 2014 will be interviewed for the next intake in July. The first batch of Brunei Maritime Academy students will start their courses next month.

In a recent interview, Lim said the academy does not have the right facilities and human resources yet, but it is working on developing a new building to accommodate future intakes. The students will be temporarily based at the Jefri Bolkiah Engineering College in Belait.

"We received a lot of interest from the public. They love the maritime industry. We work with the industry. The industry gives us the quota on how many students they can absorb," Lim said.

"There are no restrictions for females in the ship. This is also subject to the requirements of the shipping companies," he added.

The project director further said students will have to undergo a training period, depending on the courses they enrolled in.

For the Certificate of Proficiency Apprenticeship in Deck Rating, the training will be nine months of sea time training on board a ship, Lim said.

"In the future, we are going to have a three-month training on campus and six months at sea (for the Certificate of Proficiency Apprenticeship in Deck Rating course because we are still building our facilities," he explained.

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For the Apprenticeship in Engine Rating, Lim said the duration of the training programme is three months pre-sea training (on campus) and a six-month training at sea.

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