

## KERATAN AKHBAR

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**KUANTAN:** A total of 24,695 students from low-income rural and Orang Asli families have benefited since 2018 from the Empower ECER Academic Training Programme, organised by the East Coast Economic Region Development Council. The council said the programme, which aimed to improve students' academic achievement, saw 96 per cent of participants achieving total passes in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia, and 91 per cent continuing studies at higher and technical institutions. The Empower ECER Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Programme saw 10,965 participants trained and 6,294 entrepreneurs produced since 2018. The Penjana-ECERDC Skills Upgrading and Retraining Programme saw 5,667 participants securing jobs. **Bernama**