

My Perdana Fellowship

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As a Perdana Fellow under MITI, I got the chance to shadow YBM Dato Sri' Mustapa Mohamed for 8 weeks. During this period, I did background research on whatever topic YBM would be speaking on or wanted to know more about, on top of generating publicity at whatever events/meetings we attended as part of the minister's office.

Personally, I really enjoyed hosting the AEC Pop Quiz at MITI during ASEAN week. My partner and I also had the chance to visit YBM's constituency, Jeli at which we each taught English class.



Aside from our attachment to the minister's office, we were also involved with Perdana Fellow activities such as the weekly bootcamp series and dialogue sessions with ministers from different ministries (e.g. MOSTI & MOHE). It has been an invaluable experience as we were able to have our concerns about specific issues heard and addressed. My biggest takeaways from the Perdana Fellowship were the opportunity to meet others who have similar aspirations to build a greater nation that I wouldn't



have otherwise met if not for this program. Furthermore, we were able to have constructive conversations about the nation's problems and bring these action plans to the attention of the ministers right away.



If I were to have done anything differently, it would be to apply as a graduate and do the maximum time of 6 months. I would have liked more time to be able to be attached to the various agencies under the ministry. If you are 18-30, and already have or are currently studying for a degree, I would highly encourage you to join the Perdana Fellowship program.