

Idris: Study to prevent BB1M abuse

BANGI: The Higher Education Ministry is carrying out a study to improve the 1Malaysia Book Voucher (BB1M) facility and prevent abuse.

Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh said the outcome of the study and the action to be taken would be announced next year.

“We are in the process of studying it, and next year, we will look at the action that needs to be taken,” he said in commenting on reports on the abuse of BB1M after closing the Jom Masuk IPT programme at **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**.

It was reported that students were selling BB1M, which is worth RM250, to bookshops for between RM190 and RM230.

Idris said BB1M was created to promote reading among Malaysians and served to aid students.

On Jom Masuk IPT, he said it was a one-stop centre aimed at informing people about the opportunities available at public and private universities, polytechnics, community colleges and skills training centres.

He said 300,000 students had applied for entry into public universities since the application window was opened in January.