

## Government Approves Student Allowance For Kor SISPA Training

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KAJANG; Malaysian Civil Defence Force has announced that the government, through the Finance Ministry, has approved allowances for members of the Civil Defense Student Corps (Kor SISPA) to improve the welfare and motivation of students involved in the programme.

Datuk Mustapha Sakmud said the allowance details and eligibility are currently being finalised by APM, with priority given to final-year students before expanding to others. The allowance rate has been set at RM8 per hour of training attended.

Speaking at APM's 74th Civil Defence Day Celebration, he said there are currently 20 public universities, 24 private higher education institutions, and 14 teacher education institutes offering Kor SISPA nationwide, involving around 22,000 trained students, including 1,100 final-year students. He also stressed the need for APM to strengthen its personnel, office facilities, and operational assets, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak, to improve disaster preparedness as disaster challenges become increasingly critical. "We hope APM will continue to excel and face various challenges. We know that disasters are no longer like they used to be; our disasters are becoming more critical, and we hope that APM is also ready to train their members and volunteers so that they can manage disasters well," he added.