

Cuepacs: Give retrenched contract workers priority for jobs

KUALA LUMPUR: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has urged the government to prioritise employing retrenched contract workers into the Short-term Employment Programme (MyStep) announced in the 2021 Budget.

Its president, Adnan Mat, said retrenched workers from the Land Public Transport Agency, Special Affairs Department and National Service Training Programme could fill the void in the public sector and government-linked companies (GLCs) due to their experience.

“The introduction of MyStep shows that the sector should be empowered further as it is important for the government’s growth. We hope appointments could be made permanent, especially in critical sectors such as health, safety, education and social.

“No need to waste their experience when it can be utilised fully for the benefit of the country,” he said yesterday.



A customer service officer at the Education Ministry in Putrajaya recently. A total of 50,000 jobs on a contract basis will be offered in the public sector and government-linked companies under the Short-term Employment Programme starting in January. BERNAMA PIC

Under the third strategy of the 2021 Budget called “Generating and Retaining Jobs”, the government will introduce MyStep with an allocation of more than RM700 million, which will offer 50,000 jobs on a contract basis in the public sector and GLCs starting in January.

A total of 35,000 jobs will be offered in the public sector, with priority to fill positions such as nurses, medical attendants, social welfare officers and temporary teachers.

GLCs will offer 15,000 jobs that prioritise technical and financial fields, as well as extending opportunities to new graduates to participate in apprenticeship programmes.

Cuepacs said the budget announced was a people-centric

one, which also recognised the efforts of civil servants.

Adnan said although there were no specific announcement on salary increments or bonuses, the focus given to empowering the public service system and the welfare of its citizens was still welcomed by Cuepacs.

“The government’s focus on households earning less than RM5,000 should be commended as they are among the people most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is evident with the large allocation of RM6.5 billion under Bantuan Prihatin Rakyat (BPR), which will benefit 8.1 million recipients.

“Compared with previous initiatives, BPR offers more comprehensive benefits to citizens and civil servants.”