

Chance to start e-hailing companies

Selangor initiative for youths to match successful applicants with mentor for guidance



Amirudin (second from right) and Khairuddin (at Amirudin's right) at the symbolic presentation of funds to riders under the Ride initiative.

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THE Selangor government will help youths set up e-hailing companies next year.

According to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, the initial idea was to help youths obtain their B2 licence for motorcycles not exceeding 250cc, through the Roda Darul Ehsan (Ride) initiative.

However, with the recent boom in the e-hailing industry due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the positive response from youths in the sector, he said the state government wanted to encourage their participation in the gig economy.

He said the Ride programme, which was launched on Aug 1, had so far received 22,321 applications.

"Ride is a good platform for the youths to explore.

"We have allocated RM2mil this year to benefit 3,000 applicants.

"A total of 1,980 applicants have been selected so far. Each rider will receive a RM350 subsidy for

licence, RM70 for Social Security Organisation contribution, and RM150 subsidy for food delivery kit and training.

"Another RM2mil will be allocated for the initiative next year," he said after a symbolic presentation of the allocation to 100 successful applicants outside the Selangor Secretariat building in Shah Alam.

Amirudin said among the e-hailing companies collaborating were Bungkus-It, Zepto Express, Warong Rider, Selangor Digital e-Supply Chain, Grab and Food Panda.

He also hoped that the initiative would empower youths, especially the urban poor, to acquire the skills and documents required to improve themselves and their household economic strength.

Meanwhile, state youth, sports development and human capital development committee chairman Mohd Khairuddin Othman said youths interested in setting up their own e-hailing companies would be matched with a mentor for guidance.

"A rider employed under a com-

pany will be subjected to certain pay cuts which are not favourable.

"Many youths who have lost their jobs may be interested to start their own e-hailing companies but do not know how to go about it.

"The state can help them.

"I will discuss with the Menteri Besar further on this matter, including the assistance for capital," said Khairuddin.

"The Ride initiative is open to those aged between 17 and 30 years, born in Selangor or have resided in Selangor for more than 10 years.

"They must have an income not more than RM2,000 or currently attached to any e-hailing company, and must have obtained their B2 licence after July 2019.

"Eligibility to seek help to start up an e-hailing company will be extended to those born in Selangor or have resided in the state for more than 10 years, and must be below the age of 40," he added.

For further details on the Ride initiative, visit www.mnselangor.gov.my