

# Saravanan hopes MYFutureJobs can help more people

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**PETALING JAYA:** The Human Resources Ministry is targeting an increase of at least 20% in job placements through its national employment services portal MYFutureJobs this year, says Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan (*pic*).

He said there were 150,000 job vacancies available through the portal this year for job seekers and those who want to explore new job opportunities.

In elaborating the success of the portal which has been in operation since June last year, he said that MYFutureJobs helped 185,493 individuals to secure jobs up to Feb 23 this year.

Of the figure, there were job placements for 161,603 individuals

through the employment portal last year.

"For this year, the ministry is targeting an increase of at least 20% in job placements through this portal.

"This figure reflects the positive effect of the economic recovery, and we believe the number of job opportunities could be increased from time to time," he said in a virtual press conference after

Finance Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz launched the ministry's national PenjanaKerjaya Career Carnival 2021 and the launch of the MYFutureJobs portal.

The carnival is organised through the ministry's agency, Social



Security Organisation (Socso).

Saravanan said 146,258 individuals were recruited by 18,653 employers under the Hiring Employees' Incentive programme or PenjanaKerjaya up to Feb 23.

To date, over RM354.34mil had been paid as incentives under the PenjanaKerjaya 1.0 and 2.0 programme.

Saravanan said 78 employers were participating in the four-day virtual career carnival, which ends today.

Over 10,000 job opportunities are being offered.

Socso chief executive officer

Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said 4,357 job seekers registered for the virtual interviews and 98 individuals succeeded in securing jobs.

He said 608 individuals would attend their second interviews while 1,174 job seekers were being evaluated by the employers for various positions.

"The ministry is committed to carrying out its responsibility by providing various platforms to match job vacancies with job seekers throughout this year," he said.

Saravanan said the job seekers included 149 persons with disabilities, who are trying to secure jobs from 1,896 vacancies being offered for this group.

"Job seekers still have the opportunity to attend the virtual interviews, as Friday (today) is the last

day for the open interviews," he said.

In conjunction with the career carnival, a new initiative #TogetherWeStand was introduced to encourage employers to join forces with the government to reduce the unemployment rate.

Tengku Zafrul said the portal, which was based on artificial intelligence technology, had simplified the two-way process on the job search and offers.

He added the portal played a role as a one-stop centre and main reference for initiatives related to jobs, including for the upgrading of skills sets and retraining.

"For PenjanaKerjaya 2.0, under Budget 2021, over RM3.9mil has been paid to 1,073 employers, involving 3,651 employees," he said.