

## Socso to help equip graduates, unemployed individuals with digital skills



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Social Security Organisation (Socso) chief executive Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said the programme will equip the local workforce with digital skills, while boosting the employability of graduates and unemployed Malaysians. - NSTP file pic.

KUALA LUMPUR: The "Digital Skills for Tomorrow's Jobs" programme has set a target to upskill 25,000 graduates and unemployed individuals.

Social Security Organisation (Socso) chief executive Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said the programme will equip the local workforce with digital skills, while boosting the employability of graduates and unemployed Malaysians.

The programme is a joint effort by Microsoft Malaysia and Junior Achievement (JA) Malaysia to support the MyDIGITAL and National Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) Policy aspiration.

It will create "future-ready" digital talents, including fulfilling the target of developing 30,000 data professionals by 2025. These professionals will be well-equipped with in-demand skills required to thrive in an evolving job market.

"Public-private partnerships are important enablers to develop competent digital talent through upskilling and reskilling of the workforce, in achieving MyDIGITAL's aspiration, which is part of the National 4IR Policy to make Malaysia a regional leader in the digital economy.

"The reskilling and upskilling of the Malaysian workforce, especially those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, are essential. This will empower them so that they can compete in the demanding job market of today, embrace and find success in the digital economy.

"We are excited with this partnership and together, we are committed to addressing challenges faced by our local talents and help strengthen Malaysia's digital workforce," he said.

Meanwhile, Microsoft Malaysia managing director, K. Raman said the future of Malaysia is anchored on a digital-first economy.

He said the digital workforce will be an important driver for the nation's economic recovery.

"Efforts will be made to ensure successful candidates will be offered employment, internship or practical training opportunities."

Junior Achievement Malaysia trustee Datuk Timothy Garland said businesses and organisations worldwide have transformed by adopting new technologies to continue operating under unprecedented circumstances brought forth by Covid-19.

"With the rise in demand for technology, there is a rise in demand for digital skills. It presents incredible opportunities for people to find a career that they can be passionate about.

"Alongside Microsoft and Socso, and together with CloudSwyft as our Learning Management System partner, we aim to bring digital skills to Malaysians. We want to arm Malaysians with these digital skills so that they can be prepared for the jobs of the future," he said.

The "Digital Skills for Tomorrow's Jobs" programme, aims to reach 25,000 Malaysians through online webinars.

These webinars will feature digital skills and data sciences, based on Microsoft's industry and training resources.

Priority will be given to graduates and unemployed individuals in Malaysia.

From the pool, 400 participants will then be selected to continue with an extensive digital skills course, which also includes mentorship and soft skills training to enhance their work readiness.

Participants will be able to select from five career tracks, including data analyst, data scientist work, development operations, software developer and IT support.

These courses are offered in English and Bahasa Malaysia, ensuring accessibility for all Malaysians.

Registration for the programme starts today at [www.myfuturejobs.gov.my/upskilling-reskilling](http://www.myfuturejobs.gov.my/upskilling-reskilling).

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