

Perkeso aims to provide 55,000 jobs for vulnerable groups

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Social Security Organisation (Perkeso) hopes to provide another 55,000 jobs for vulnerable groups under the Jamin Kerja-Insentif Penggajian (JKIP) initiative that has been extended to Dec 31.

Perkeso chief executive officer Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said the target was to support the initial goal of providing 300,000 jobs throughout 2022.

"With the existing allocation of RM2 billion under the 2022 Budget for JKIP, a total of RM475 million will be allocated by Perkeso as an incentive to employers to create jobs and to hire 55,000 workers from vulnerable groups through the extension," he said today.

The extension of the initiative would focus on hiring workers in vulnerable categories, such as the disabled, women, those who had lost their jobs, those in the tourism sector, as well as former prison inmates, he added.

The requirements for application, incentive rates for employers, as well as mobility assistance for hired employees would remain as usual, he said.

On the Jamin Kerja Keluarga Malaysia Career Expo, Mohammed Azman said the expo had helped 1,712 jobseekers gain employment, while another 10,698 jobseekers had made it into the second stage of interviews.

"The career expo, which took place at the World Trade Centre (WTC) Kuala Lumpur for five days, was attended by almost 14,000 visitors and is deemed a success.

"The jobseekers who visited the expo included school-leavers, graduates, those who are unemployed and those who would want to develop their career further."

He added that as a public employment service provider, Perkeso would continue to boost efforts to introduce initiatives to further stimulate the nation's labour market.

"We will continue to improve the current labour market to overcome the issues of mismatch, unemployment as well as manpower shortages in some sectors, such as the manufacturing and hospitality sectors," he said.