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NEW ZEALANDERS CAN NOW APPLY TO WORK CUM HOLIDAY IN MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 17 (Bernama) -- New Zealanders interested in having a working holiday in Malaysia for up to six months can now apply at the Malaysian High Commission in Wellington.

Immigration Department Public Relations Officer Muhammad Sabri Zainal told Bernama today the "Working Holiday Programme" was open to citizens of New Zealand aged between 18 and 30 years.

However, their intention must be to have a holiday in Malaysia, he said.

Muhammad Sabri said New Zealand passport holders must also meet certain requirements, that is, have a balance of RM3,600 in either cash, travellers cheques or a bank draft to support themselves, not be accompanied by child/children, certified healthy and have no criminal record.

Further information can be obtained at the Malaysian High Commission, 10 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, New Zealand at P.O. Box 9422.

Applications must be submitted to the High Commission at least three months before departure.

The programme is limited to 100 applicants yearly. It was initiated during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to Auckland in March. -- BERNAMA

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