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GOVT DEVELOPING ELECTRONIC LABOUR EXCHANGE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 29 (Bernama) -- The Government is developing an Electronic Labour Exchange (ELX) to help job seekers monitor employment opportunities and employers find the necessary workers.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said the ELX would also step up the quality of labour market information.

This is in line with the development of information technology in the country, he said at a Workers Day gathering at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil here.

Dr Fong hoped that with economy on the recovery path, there would be vast job opportunities and that unemployment would fall although the present rate of 2.9 percent was already regarded as near full employment.

The gathering was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who also presented awards to several organisations and individuals.

The recipients included Motorola Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Caring Employer), Malayan Banking Berhad (Encouraging Savings Among Workers), Ladang Moccis Teluk Intan, Perak (Peaceful Plantation), Peninsular Malaysia Customs Officers Union (Exemplary Public Sector Union) and Sarawak Telekom Malaysia Workers Union (Exemplary Private Sector Union).

Model worker awards were given to R.Komala Devi (SCG Industries (M) Sdn Bhd, Senawang, Seremban) and Jalaludin Hashim (ST Microelectronics Sdn Bhd, Tanjung Agas, Muar)

Similar awards in the disabled category went to Abd Halim Ahmad (30-year-old man without hands and legs who owns an accounting firm) and Rohani Jaafar (35-year old with deformed legs who operates two tailoring shops).

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