

Civil service to go all out to lure non-bumi applicants

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs: All government departments will be required to carry out aggressive campaigns to lure non-bumiputras to join the civil service.

Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, said apart from the campaigns, the Public Service Commission will also advertise in vernacular newspapers.

"We are concerned with the poor response, especially from Chinese applicants, to various job opportunities in the public sector," he said.

Samsudin said many potential employees were not aware of various career development opportunities provided by the commission.

He said this to reporters after closing the Regional Initiative for ICT Strategies Conference 2001 at Putra World Trade Centre here today.

Samsudin said apart from campaigns, the commission may also seek the help of government departments to organise talks at universities and other institutes of higher education in

its effort to recruit more capable candidates to join the public sector.

Samsudin was responding to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent statement that there were not many non-bumiputra candidates taking up key positions in government departments-

The chief secretary also urged the younger generation of Chinese and Indians to be more broad-minded in selecting their careers and not confine themselves to the private sector.