

Have basic living wage for IDR workers
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Media reports have it that Johor Menteri Besar Abdul Ghani Othman and Johor Baru MP Shahrir Abdul Samad have joined the 'rush' to drop bumiputera quotas for the Iskandar Development Region to attract foreign investment.

This is all well and good but can also be seen as an 'obvious' and easy way to try to solve the complex entrenched problem of bumiputera unemployment.

Perhaps these highly respected politicians may wish to consider restructuring the NEP by introducing a basic living wage for all employees in the IDR.

By offering to put more money into the pockets of workers based on fair market wages, this will at least offer the opportunity for some to save money and seek social mobility by paying for knowledge-based skills training.

With respect, it is about time that politicians and policy-makers in this age and time remove their elitist glasses and 'turun pandang'.

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