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WORKPLACE CRECHES

Kudos to firms which have set up daycare centres

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IREFER to “Not game for childcare at the office” (NST, Nov 18). Malaysian employers should help out. They should not take things easy and chip in for the well-being of their employees and their children.

Workplace creches would make mothers a happy and productive lot. Let us have more creches where necessary, and the employers should do all they can to ensure these set up within their work premises.

Employers should do their bit to help working mothers who are contributing towards the Malaysian economy. Their kids must be cared for while their mothers work.

Employers should really do this for the sake of their employees and children.

It is more important now than before to have these creches because it is difficult to get maids these days.

I note that in 2009, the government offered double tax relief

and a 10 per cent reduction per annum for 10 years to encourage companies to set up daycare centres for their employees’ children. So the incentive is already there. What’s stopping the employers from doing more?

Accolades to the companies which have taken up the challenge to set up creches.

I was delighted to read that Citibank’s management is fully supportive in meeting all the needs of such childcare centres.

Proton, too, has some 30 children, aged 1 to 4, being taken care of by six staff, at its Taska Proton. The centre provides a range of enrichment activities for the children.

We need proper early childhood education and care. Malaysian employers should come forward to assist so that their employees can focus with a clear mind on their jobs.

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Children during study time at *Taska Sime Darby*.