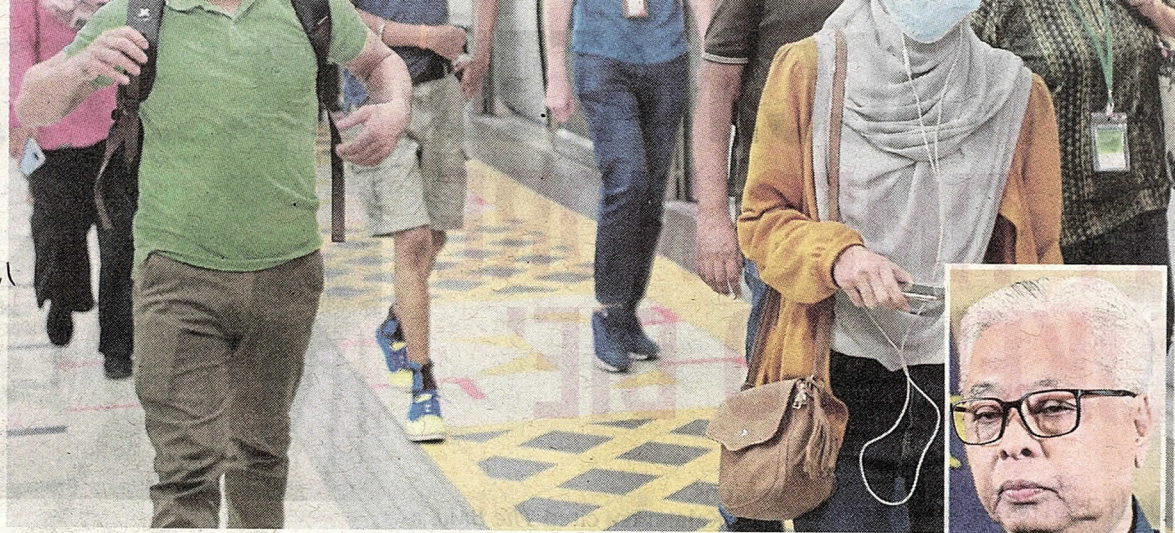


GOVT SET TO PRODUCE RESILIENT WORKFORCE

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People heading for their workplaces from the Light Rail Transit station at Masjid Jamek, Kuala Lumpur, on Monday. (Inset) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH



Ismail Sabri says plan's six core thrusts will provide boost to job creation efforts

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THE government will implement the National Job Creation Strategic Plan (NJCSP), which is aimed at producing a more resilient and high-skilled Malaysian workforce, supported by five specialised taskforces under the National Employment Council (NEC).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who is NEC chairman, said job creation would be improved through six core thrusts.

These are improving cooperation between industries and academics, nurturing talents to fulfil industry needs, empowering entrepreneurs to flourish in the economy, and utilising the gig economy for opportunities to generate income.

The others are driving growth for new and modern sectors and expediting the adoption of modern workplace practices.

"The six thrusts will be the guide in implementing six game-changers, including the application of artificial intelligence technology in job matching and planning, apart from improving marketability and quality of TVET (technical and vocational educa-

tion and training) graduates.

"NJCSP, among others, proposes the creation of a platform to coordinate information of local TVET institutions, as well as programmes and opportunities offered to match them (graduates) with the suitable TVET institutions to ease job-hunting efforts in future," he said.

Ismail Sabri said the finance and human resources ministries were tasked with developing the one-stop digital platform to ensure the effective and structured monitoring of training and skill enhancement programmes by the various ministries and agencies.

He said the NEC's third meeting, held on Wednesday, had agreed that the courses offered were based on the needs of the economy and demography.

During the meeting, it was announced that over 376,000 job seekers had successfully been employed as of Sept 10, thanks to the 27 initiatives by the government, he said.

"The success in job placement has exceeded the original target set for the first nine months of the year, until Sept 30, to offer 354,276 jobs.

"This showed the government's target to create 500,000 jobs this year could be achieved."

He said the government had also created 97,000 new jobs for domestic investors, with 76 per cent of them categorised as skilled and semi-skilled.

The 97,000 was part of the 160,000 target set as a result of the investment commitment for this year.

Ismail Sabri said the govern-

ment was confident that the NEC's strategies, including the implementation of NJCSP, could continue the economic recovery's momentum and improve job creation, as well as address issues like lack of labour in certain sectors, equitable opportunities for the underprivileged and wages.

He said the council comprised 12 cabinet members, the chief secretary to the government and 12 representatives from the private sector.

For those who had lost their jobs, the government would assist through the Employment Insurance System under the Social Security Organisation, he said.

Job seekers can register with the MyFutureJobs portal at <https://www.myfuturejobs.gov.my/>.