

# 600,000 jobs from JaminKerja

## PM to launch initiative to help M'sians find employment and upgrade skills

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The JaminKerja Keluarga Malaysia initiative to be launched on Saturday is based on the “jobs guarantee” concept with 600,000 job opportunities created, says the Finance Minister.

Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the initiative, which involved a RM4.8bil allocation, is scheduled to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

“We will be organising the first JaminKerja 2022 Career Carnival series this year at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

“The carnival will involve 50 employers with over 2,500 job opportunities on offer.

“There will also be activities such as career counselling, interview sessions with employers, National Employment Portal registration

assistance and MYFutureJobs, among others,” Tengku Zafrul said in the Award Agenda programme *Keluarga Malaysia Economic Resilience* aired on Tuesday.

The JaminKerja initiative is a collaboration between the Finance and Human Resources ministries as well as agencies of the Social Security Organisation (Socso) and Human Resource Development Corp (HRD Corp).

JaminKerja consists of three main components - JaminKerja Employment Incentive, Malaysia Shortterm Employment Programme (MySTEP) and Training and Skills Upgrading Programme.

According to Tengku Zafrul, the government managed to generate almost 560,000 jobs last year, exceeding the initial target of 500,000 jobs.

“If you look at the decline in the unemployment rate, logically the entire Malaysian Family as well as netizens can already guess that the success of creating almost 560,000 job opportunities contributes a lot to this decline,” he said.

As for the JaminKerja Employment Incentive, he said the incentive application opened from Jan 17 to last till June 30, 2022 and applications could be made through Socso’s website.

The MySTEP Programme will be extended this year with 80,000 job opportunities targeted.

“This is a short-term contract employment programme in the public sector and government-linked companies (GLCs) in an effort to increase the marketability of job seekers,” he said, adding that 61,000 jobs had been created, surpassing

last year’s target of 50,000.

Tengku Zafrul said the government was also targeting 220,000 trainees to undergo various training and skills upgrading programmes (Reskilling & Upskilling) and a total of 5,000 courses would be offered by various ministries and government agencies.

Among the initiatives reported by Bernama to be implemented are the “place and train” programme (training + job security), he added.

The minister said JaminKerja also provided various training and skills upgrading programmes, including in collaboration with industries.

Priority is also given to digital skills, for example the Global Online Workforce (GLOW) programme under the Malaysia Digital Economy Corp (MDEC).

JaminKerja also encourages

employers to provide employment opportunities to target groups such as persons with disabilities (OKU), Orang Asli and prisoners with the involvement of various related agencies, including the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), Higher Education and International Trade and Industry ministries, and MDEC, the minister said.

Under Budget 2022, Tengku Zafrul said a total of RM6.6bil was also allocated to strengthen Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) through various initiatives to be implemented by the relevant ministries and agencies.

“It is time for TVET to be the main choice of youths because TVET has been proven to be able to produce skilled, trained and entrepreneurial individuals,” he added.