

**More Than A Million Job Vacancies For Malaysians - Home Ministry  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- A total of 1,051,427 job vacancies have been listed by eight ministries and related to agencies to be filled by Malaysians before they are given to illegal immigrants who are given amnesty under the ministry's 6P programme.

Home Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Alwi Ibrahim said of the figure, the International Trade and Industry Ministry had the most vacancies at 275,723 followed by the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry (237,700) and Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism Ministry (220,000).

As for others, the Construction Industry Development Board has 165,000 vacancies; Plantation Industries and Commodities Ministry (140,000); Home Ministry (10,000); Tourism Ministry (2,041) and Transport Ministry (963).

"This statistics were made available to the Home Ministry at a meeting to update the status on the 6P programme which was chaired by the Home Ministry secretary-general yesterday," he said in a statement here.

Alwi said most of the vacancies involved five sectors identified as the ones using the highest number of foreign workers which were manufacturing, production, plantation, agriculture and construction.

He said the vacancies would be advertised in several local dailies in stages beginning Thursday, and urged Malaysians particularly those who are still unemployed to grab the opportunities.

Alwi said the next stage of the 6P programme would be matching the needs of employers with the list of illegal workers registered under the programme for vacancies not taken up by Malaysians.

Meanwhile, he said the total number of legal workers and illegal immigrants registered stood at 2,210,235 as of 8.30am today, and of the number 1,215,004 were illegals.

"The ministry reminds all illegal immigrants to register before the expiry of the extended deadline on Aug 31 after which the 6P programme will enter its whitening phase (legalising or providing amnesty).

"Besides this, the ministry also wishes to reiterate that illegal immigrants will not be arrested when registering under the 6P programme," he said.

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