

**Decision on Levy Rate for Foreign Workers after Chap Goh Mei – DPM
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BAGAN DATOH, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- The government will hold a meeting with employers and relevant stakeholders after the Chap Goh Mei festival to decide whether to maintain or raise the levy rate for foreign workers.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the meeting would also be attended by the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) and associations representing employers and chambers of commerce.

"Discussions should be held in advance ... we (the government) will listen and take note of their complaints," he told reporters after attending 64th Anniversary Celebration Carnival of SMK Khir Johari here today.

Prior to this, the government announced that effective on Feb 1, the levy rate for foreign workers in the manufacturing, construction and service sectors would be raised to RM2,500 per person, while those in the farming and agricultural sectors, to be increased to RM1,500 per person.

The restructuring, however, did not involve the levy rate for foreign maids, which was set at RM410 per person.

For the record, there are 2.135 million registered foreign workers in Malaysia.

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