

MEF applauds foreign workers' one-stop centre

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PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has welcomed the recent decision by the government to transfer the one-stop centre for foreign workers' approval from the Home Ministry to the Human Resources Ministry.

MEF President Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman said that he was grateful to Prime Minister Datuk Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and the government for positively responding to their proposal that the Human Resources Ministry be made as the sole agency in charge of the recruitment and management of foreign workers, for greater efficiency.

"The Human Resources Ministry will now be able to get all the requirements approved, instead of cross-ministry involvement, which previously had wasted too much time on bureaucracy and added costs," he said.

"MEF further suggests that the government should establish a special desk dedicated to manage any issues related to foreign workers," Dr Syed Hussain said.

He called on the government to allocate additional manpower to the ministry to ensure the smooth and efficient operations of the one-stop centre.

"MEF is ever willing to assist in any way to support the success of this effort.

"MEF suggests that stakeholders from MEF, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers and Small and Medium Enterprises, be invited on an advisory basis to assist the ministry on matters related to foreign workers.

"It is encouraging to note that the Labour Department had since approved approximately 230,000 new foreign workers.

"However, what is critical is for the approved new foreign workers to be brought in to the country as soon as possible to help ease the current critical shortage for foreign workers," he stressed.