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EXPAT WORK APPROVALS CUT FROM 40 TO 10 DAYS

Multiple platforms streamlined through new system, says minister

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EXPATRIATE work applications will be processed within 10 days, down from 40, following a system integration that took effect on July 1.

Human Resources Minister Steven Sim said the process, which previously required employers to use multiple platforms, has been streamlined through the Xpats Gateway system.

"Previously, employers had to obtain approval from the Labour Department before proceeding with recruitment," he said here.

"This was followed by postings on MYFutureJobs under the Social Security Organisation and separate submissions to the Expatriate Services Division for employment pass applications."

Present were ministry deputy secretary-general (policy and international) Dr Mohd Shaharin Umar and Immigration Department director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban.

With the integration, said Sim, approvals from the Labour Department and MYFutureJobs have been shortened by 10 days each and applications can now be submitted concurrently.

"The client charter provides clearer timelines and employers



Human Resources Minister Steven Sim (centre) at the media briefing on the Xpats Gateway system in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are Human Resources Ministry deputy secretary-general (policy and international) Dr Mohd Shaharin Umar (third from left) and Immigration Department director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban (third from right). BERNAMA PIC

can track application status in real time.

Sim said: "All data and documents are sourced directly from official systems, reducing the risk of fraudulent submissions."

Sim said that in just the first week of implementation, they have received more than 100 applications.

He said with this integration, employers can expect up to 90

per cent cost savings.

Zakaria said the Immigration Department and TalentCorp will take five days to process applications, one day to approve or reject, and two days to inform the company involved.

Describing the initiative as a positive move, he said it would benefit the country.

"The number of expatriates holding employment passes in stands at 138,000, showing an in-

crease compared with last year," he said.

"This indicates that our economy is improving and business opportunities are growing, thus, the need to hire expatriates has also increased, supported by various chambers (of commerce)."

The integration initiative is implemented by the Home Ministry through the Immigration Department, Malaysia Productivity Corporation and TalentCorp.

Ekspatriat aktif cecah 138,000 orang di Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR: Jumlah ekspatriat aktif yang bekerja secara sah di Malaysia mencecah angka 138,000 orang.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen, Datuk Zakaria Shaaban berkata, angka itu mencerminkan perkembangan ekonomi positif dan peningkatan permintaan terhadap tenaga kerja asing berkemahiran tinggi di negara ini.

Beliau berkata, jumlah itu menunjukkan sedikit peningkatan berbanding tahun lalu, selain menjadi petunjuk kepada pertumbuhan peluang perniagaan dan keyakinan pelabur asing terhadap Malaysia.

Katanya, proses permohonan pas ekspatriat kini boleh diselesaikan dalam tempoh kurang 20 hari bekerja menerusi sistem 'Xpats Gateway'.

"Kita sentiasa mencari ruang menambah baik dan memendekkan lagi tempoh pemprosesan permohonan ekspatriat.

"Ini satu langkah sangat baik,



ZAKARIA Shaaban (tiga dari kanan) bersama Menteri Sumber Manusia, **STEVEN** Sim Chee Keong pada Taklimat Integrasi Xpats Gateway di Kuala Lumpur. - UTUSAN/MUHAMAD IQBAL ROSLI

bukan sahaja untuk pihak industri, malah memberi manfaat langsung kepada negara daripada sudut ekonomi," katanya ketika Taklimat Integrasi Xpats Gateway di sini, semalam.

Zakaria berkata, permintaan terhadap tenaga kerja profesional asing juga meningkat, selari dengan sokongan pelabur

dan dewan perniagaan antarabangsa seperti Dewan Perniagaan Eropah (EuroCham).

Sementara itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif TalentCorp, Thomas Mathew berkata, Malaysia perlu bersaing dalam perebutan global menarik bakat asing terutama dalam konteks serantau yang semakin kompetitif.