



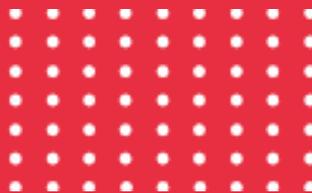
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Limitations in funding could hamper TVET

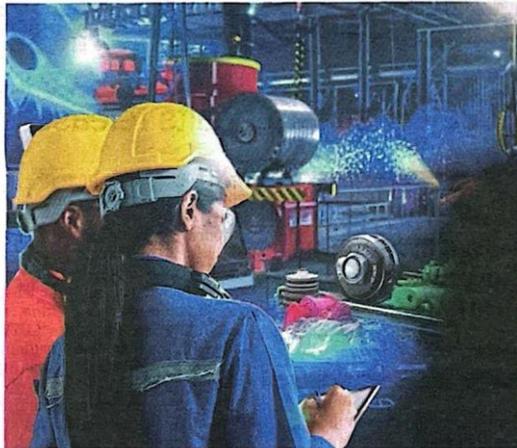
THE Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector in Malaysia is facing a critical juncture as new funding conditions imposed by the Skills Development Fund Corporation (PTPK) threaten to derail access for thousands of aspiring youth, particularly those from the B40 income group.

I write to express my deep frustration and concern over the abrupt suspension and subsequent modification of the PTPK trainee loan scheme, which has severely disrupted the operations of training providers and jeopardised the future of thousands of trainees.

On Aug 29, PTPK issued a letter announcing the closure of loan applications without prior notice or consultation. This sudden halt in processing caught all training providers off guard, especially as many of us had been actively recruiting new trainees under the assumption that loan applications would resume as usual.

The lack of transparency and communication has placed us in an untenable position, having to answer to trainees and their families who now face financial uncertainty.

Although PTPK held a dialogue session in September indicating that new conditions would be introduced, no formal notice or



timeline was provided.

Then, on Oct 28, another letter was issued stating that loan applications would reopen but under new conditions that were immediately enforced. This has resulted in many trainees being disqualified from applying despite having already commenced their training.

In the September dialogue session, we had appealed to PTPK to allow a transitional period to phase out courses deemed

non-critical. Unfortunately, our plea was not heeded.

The immediate implementation of these new conditions has left many training providers in disarray, and some are now facing the prospect of closure due to the loss of funding.

This abrupt policy shift not only undermines the trust between stakeholders but also contradicts the Madani government's commitment to strengthening TVET education as a pillar

of national development.

We, the training providers, respectfully urge the Human Resources Ministry to:

1. Reconsider the immediate enforcement of the new PTPK conditions;
2. Allow the current cohort of trainees to continue under the previous loan terms; and
3. Implement the new conditions starting in 2026, giving training providers sufficient time to adjust their course offerings and recruitment strategies.

This appeal is not merely administrative; it is a call to safeguard the aspirations of our youth, the sustainability of our institutions and the integrity of Malaysia's TVET ecosystem.

The crisis unfolding in the TVET sector is not just about numbers; it's also about lives, livelihoods and the future of Malaysia's workforce. If left unaddressed, the current funding limitations could erode decades of progress in skills development and social mobility.

TVET must remain a beacon of hope, not a casualty of bureaucracy.

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