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Malaysia up eight spots to 25th in IMD talent ranking

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia has jumped eight spots to 25th position in the IMD World Talent Ranking 2025, reflecting the country's growing ability to become one of the key destinations for global professionals.

Human Resources Minister Steven Sim (*pic*) said in the Asia-Pacific region, Malaysia is ranked fifth, after Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Australia.

He said the success resulted from a holistic approach by the ministry, which served as the main facilitator of Malaysia's talent ecosystem.

"We coordinate labour policies, skills development initiatives, industrial training programmes, as well as collaboration with industries and academia.



"Our structural transformation emphasises policy strengthening, skills upgrading and reskilling to ensure the national workforce remains competitive and ready to face new job trends," he said in a statement, Bernama reported.

To strengthen the development

of future talent, Sim said TalentCorp has initiated the MyMahir Future Skills Talent Council and the Industry-Academia Collaboration programme.

"These initiatives are in line with international practices that stress sector-based skills development, employer involvement and the integration of both soft and technical skills to ensure gradu-

ates remain relevant to industry needs," he added.

Sim said an integrated approach covering education, training, research, industry-academia partnerships, global talent development and labour policies is the key to positioning Malaysia as a regional talent hub that is competent, adaptable and sustainable, while driving the country's global economic competitiveness.