



KAUNTER BERGERAK PENDAFTARAN KHAIRAT DARUL EHSAN (KDE) BUAT WARGA EMAS/OKU

**21 JUN 2025
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MBSJ TK1**

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ADN Kinrara pelawa orang ramai daftar Skim Khairat Darul Ehsan Sabtu ini

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SHAH ALAM, 17 JUN: Ahli Dewan Negeri Kinrara mempelawa orang ramai mendaftar Skim Khairat Darul Ehsan (KDE) pada Sabtu ini bertempat di Dewan Masyarakat MBSJ TK1, Taman Kinrara (berdekatan Pasar Pagi).

Ng Sze Han menerusi Facebook memaklumkan pihaknya membuka kaunter bergerak dari jam 8 pagi hingga 12 tengah hari bagi memudahkan waris warga emas atau orang kurang upaya (OKU) berdaftar.

"Skim bantuan khairat kematian RM1,000 daripada Kerajaan Negeri kepada waris warga emas atau OKU berdaftar sebagai penghargaan dan tanda prihatin negeri terhadap rakyat.

"Datang ke kaunter bergerak, kakitangan dan sukarelawan akan bantu. Daftar sekarang demi memudahkan urusan waris pada masa hadapan," katanya.

Menerusi Belanjawan Selangor 2024, Kerajaan Negeri memperuntuk RM20juta untuk menayakan KDE dengan sasaran 20,000 penerima.

Sebelum ini, pembayaran khairat kematian menerusi Skim Mesra Usia Emas (SMUE) pernah dihentikan pada Mei 2019 sebelum disambung semula pada 2021 dengan peruntukan RM7.5 juta dan bantuan RM500.

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Skim yang dibuka bermula 1 Jun hingga 31 Disember 2025 itu juga boleh dimohon di <https://kde.yawas.com.my>.

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Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri (kanan, tiga) Samingon menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang kategori kediaman kos rendah sempena Konvensyen Strata Petaling Jaya pada 16 Jun 2025. Foto Facebook Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya



Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri (kanan, tiga) Samingon menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang kategori kediaman kos tinggi sempena Konvensyen Strata Petaling Jaya pada 16 Jun 2025. Foto Facebook Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya

PIET SELANGOR

MBPJ anjur konvensyen strata siri pertama, tingkat kecekapan badan pengurusan

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Oleh Dewi Abdul Rahman

PETALING JAYA, 17 JUN: Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) menganjurkan konvensyen strata bagi meningkatkan tahap kecekapan badan pengurusan bersama (JMB) dan perbadanan pengurusan (MC).

Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri Samingon berkata konvensyen julung kali itu menjadi platform bagi meningkatkan kefahaman mengenai tanggungjawab pengurusan pembangunan berstrata di bawah pihak berkuasa tempatan tersebut.

"Konvensyen Strata Petaling Jaya edisi pertama ini amat penting kerana sebanyak 60 peratus kawasan dalam pentadbiran MBPJ yang meliputi keluasan 97 kilometer persegi merupakan pembangunan berstrata.

"Sehingga April lalu, terdapat 1,307 skim pembangunan strata melibatkan 194,037 petak, menjadikan jumlah ini kedua tertinggi di Selangor selepas Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ)," katanya ketika merasmikan Konvensyen Strata Petaling Jaya di sini, semalam.



Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri (kanan, tiga) Samingon menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang kategori kediaman kos sederhana sempena Konvensyen Strata Petaling Jaya pada 16 Jun 2025. Foto Facebook Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya

Beliau berkata, konvensyen tersebut menarik menarik lebih 200 peserta dan turut mengetengahkan isu perundangan serta kaedah pengurusan terbaik skim strata.

"Di Petaling Jaya, kita ada bahagian pesuruhjaya bangunan (COB) yang menyelaras aspek pengetahuan dan pelaksanaan pentadbiran strata.

"Memandangkan pelantikan JMB dan MC berlaku dua tahun sekali, tempoh khidmat mereka agak terhad. Oleh itu, pendedahan ilmu seperti ini penting agar JMB dan MC dapat mentadbir kawasan masing-masing secara efisien dan mengikut peraturan," ujarnya.

Dalam program sama, MBPJ turut menganjurkan Anugerah Kecemerlangan Strata 2025 (SEA 2025) sebagai pengiktirafan kepada badan pengurusan yang menunjukkan kecemerlangan dalam pengurusan dan penyelenggaraan pembangunan strata.

"Sebanyak empat kategori dipertandingkan iaitu kategori kediaman kos rendah, kediaman kos sederhana, kediaman kos tinggi dan kategori komersial," tambah beliau.

Penyertaan SEA 2025 disertai 20 skim berstrata dan dinilai oleh panel luar seperti Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Lembaga Perumahan Hartanah Selangor (LPHS), MBSJ dan jabatan dalaman MBPJ.

Pemenang menerima wang tunai, trofi dan sijil penyertaan.

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MBPJ CELEBRATIONS

> Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is hosting a series of activities and programmes in conjunction with its 19th anniversary celebrations on June 21, at Laman MBPJ, Jalan Yong Shook Lin. There will be lucky draw sessions, a storytelling competition and games throughout the day. It will culminate in a parade and fireworks display, starting from 8pm.

> Jalan Yong Shook Lin will be periodically closed until June 22, to make way for the MBPJ celebrations. The road will be closed from 11pm to 6am until June 19; and from 5pm on June 20 to 1pm of June 22. For details, visit MBPJ social media pages.

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Selangor stepping up campsite regulations

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State may introduce targeted licensing framework for eco-sensitive zones

SELANGOR government is intensifying efforts to regulate campsites and eco-tourism activities, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas.

It is also considering a more targeted licensing framework in these zones.

This move is prompted by the increasing number of campsite operators, estimated to be between 150 and 250 as of 2024.

Selangor local government and tourism committee chairman Datuk Ng Suet Lim said a key measure was the phased implementation of the Campsite Planning Guidelines (GPP).

"Local authorities are currently implementing the GPP in phases, particularly for evaluating new applications and enforcing compliance among existing operators."

"The GPP serves as the foundation for planning approval and operational control of campsites," he said in a written statement to *StarMetro*.

The GPP outlines six core planning principles that include safety, comfort, sustainability, social continuity and economic prosperity, he said.

The GPP was developed by the Town and Country Planning Department (PLANMalaysia) and adopted by the state in October last year.

Ng said there was currently no specific licensing system for "eco-tourism" businesses.

"However, activities such as campsites, chalets and ATV operations are still subject to local authority business licences and must comply with technical requirements from agencies such as the Environment Department and Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS).



Selangor currently does not have a specific licence for eco-tourism businesses, but campsites, chalets and other recreational activities still require approval from the local authorities.
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Ng says the government is looking at measures to protect popular eco-tourism sites.

"The state is reviewing the need for more specific licensing classifications for activities in sensitive areas," he added.

His comments are in response to *StarMetro*'s reports highlighting concerns over commercialisation along Sungai Kemensah in Hulu Kelang.

In a series of articles, *StarMetro* reported that food operators, chalets and other businesses were operating near and even in

the river.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) informed *StarMetro* that none of the 70 businesses in Kampung Kemensah were licensed.

Nevertheless, MPAJ has long-term plans to regulate and legalise these businesses through a formal whitelisting programme.

According to Ng, many of these campsites and eco-tourism activities were concentrated in Hulu Selangor, Hulu Langat, Gombak and Kuala Selangor.

The state has implemented measures to ensure tourism development aligns with both economic and conservation goals.

"We want to balance environmental protection with sustainable tourism," said Ng.

"Key measures include requiring environmental impact assessments (EIA) for large-scale projects and obtaining environmental sensitivity zoning through LUAS.

"There are also strict planning conditions during development approvals," he said.

"Additionally, the state is coordinating projects like geoparks to promote tourism while safeguarding ecological and geological heritage."

While no centralised tourism operator database existed yet, he said efforts were underway to create a digital system that included both licensed and unlicensed businesses.

"Tourism Selangor, the Forestry Department, LUAS and local authorities each have their lists."

"We are working on an integrated digital system," said Ng.

Regarding the stresses placed on popular eco-tourism sites, he said, "The government is aware of the issue and is looking into appropriate safeguards."

"Among the options being discussed are limiting the number of daily visitors to certain areas and temporarily freezing new licence approvals in overburdened locations."

"We are also reassessing existing operations in places that lack adequate facilities."

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ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS -

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is hosting a year-long series of Dialog Bandar Raya 2025 events, featuring a range of engaging activities and community programmes. The sessions will be held at various locations across the city, with the next one at Perpustakaan Kuala Lumpur on June 28, followed by Pusat Komuniti Bukit Bandaraya (July 12) and Dewan Perdana Keramat Mall (July 26). For details, visit DBKL's social media pages.

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Kajang, Putrajaya get five new on-demand service zones

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RAPID Bus Sdn Bhd has introduced five new zones under its Rapid KL On-Demand service, serving as feeder routes to the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) lines in Kajang and Putrajaya.

Prasarana Malaysia Bhd group chief operating officer (operations) Amir Hamdan said the latest zone expansion targeted densely populated and rapidly developing urban areas.

"This is part of Rapid Bus' efforts to provide more flexible and convenient first-mile, last-mile travel solutions.

"In line with our commitment to sustainable mobility and promoting greater public transport usage, we will continue working to ensure the Rapid KL On-Demand service is more efficient and responsive to passenger demand," he said in a statement, reported by Bernama.

The zones available for book-

ing via the Rapid On-Demand app include MRT Kwasa Sentral to Subang Bestari and Subang Skypark Terminal served by four vans, and MRT Semantan to Menara DBKL served by two vans.

The MRT Metro Prima to Taman Beringin route will have three vans, while MRT Putrajaya Sentral to Precinct 1 has three and MRT Cyberjaya City Centre to the Cyberjaya area has five.

According to the statement, this expansion brings the total number of On-Demand zones along the Kajang and Putrajaya lines to 16, with 46 vans in operation.

Across the Klang Valley, the service now operates in 60 zones using 162 vans.

The service offers guaranteed seating and is available for booking daily from 6am to 11.30pm via the Rapid On-Demand app, which can be



Rapid KL's On-Demand service is introducing five new zones in Kajang and Putrajaya. — Filepic

downloaded from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The promotional fare of RM1 per ride remains in place.

Accepted payment methods include debit or credit, Touch 'n Go and Kad Konsesi MyRapid

cards, as well as OKU Smile and unlimited travel passes like My50, MyCity, MyTourist and Family Pass.

For details, go to Rapid KL's official social media platforms or www.myrapid.com.my

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PLUS Malaysia Bhd (PLUS) has opened three additional lanes at the Rawang Selatan Toll Plaza (Exit 115).

The new lanes are aimed at improving traffic flow at the plaza, especially for motorists heading towards Gamuda Gardens and Kundang.

As the plaza handles up to 29,000 vehicles daily, the added lane capacity is projected to disperse existing peak-hour traffic by 14% to 19%.

Positive impacts are predicted for Gamuda Gardens residents and those of surrounding areas such as Rawang, Kundang and Sungai Buloh.

Regular users of the North-South Highway are also expected to benefit.

This initiative was made possible through Works Ministry, Malaysia Highway Authority, the Public Works Department, PLUS and Gamuda Bhd.

PLUS has also restated its

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commitment to improving its infrastructure and services in line with its corporate values

emphasising comfort, safety and sustainability for communities along its highway network.

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A TOTAL of 53 teachers attended the Advancing Future Skills for All (FS4A) Selangor Scale Up digital training initiative.

The one-day workshop was also attended by district Education Department officers and school principals.

Armed with the skills, the educators will, in turn, train 40 teachers and 80 students in 40 schools from this July to August.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, who launched the initiative, said the workshop reflected aims for a more inclusive and progressive state.

"Our state is keen to future-proof its next generation, by equipping students with essential digital skills needed to keep pace with rapid global development."

"FS4A aligns with the aspirations planned out in the 'Rancangan Struktur Negeri Selangor 2035' (Selangor Structure Plan) that covers the state's strategic direction," he said in his opening speech at the event held at Arena@CelcomDigi in Subang Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Shah Alam.

The FS4A programme is a collaboration between Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), Google, Unicef Malaysia, CelcomDigi and Arus Academy, with support from Education Ministry.

Amirudin said this programme was a brilliant example of what a public-private partnership could achieve.

Equipping teachers with digital skills

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Shah Alam workshop sees 53 educators benefitting from public-private partnership



(From left) Chak, Razif, Aarti, Idham, Amirudin, Saipolyazan, Wan Raisuha, Saranovic and Muhammad Nuri at the digital training workshop. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

ship could achieve.

"We have Google and CelcomDigi committed to our communities, and to ensuring every Malaysian child gets vital digital skills."

"Then, we have MDEC, Unicef and the Education Ministry, all sharing a powerful vision of empowering our children for

the jobs of tomorrow.

"We also have Arus, an experienced education enterprise," he said, expressing certainty that the project would propel youths into a better future.

"The public sector alone cannot do all the work to raise our children to be future ready. It is the work and responsibility

of us all, and that includes the teachers, the corporates and of course, civil society," he added.

Amirudin stressed that the goal was for Selangor to set the benchmark for digital learning.

He said the FS4A was aimed at cultivating a spirit of lifelong learning and self-reliance

in youths.

"It is our responsibility to ensure every student is prepared for the challenges and opportunities that will shape their lives, and communities," he added.

SK Telok Gong evening senior assistant Georgia Helen Daniel Siken said FS4A would enhance digital literacy skills among students and teachers.

SMK Bandar Baru Sungai Buloh Technical and Vocational Department head Norfazillah Othman said equipping students with digital literacy was crucial.

CelcomDigi chief executive Datuk Idham Nawawi said, "By empowering educators and students with vital digital skills, and ensuring equitable access to technology and opportunities, through strong partnerships, we will continue to drive digital inclusion across the nation, building a vibrant digital ecosystem empowering every Malaysian."

Also present were Arus Academy co-founder David Chak, Razif Abdul Aziz from MDEC, Google public affairs manager Aarti Ahuja, Selangor Menteri Besar Incorporated group chief executive officer Datuk Saipolyazan Mat Yusop, Education Ministry Education Policy Planning and Research Division deputy director Dr Wan Raisuha Wan Ali, Unicef Malaysia deputy representative Sanja Saranovic and Selangor Education Department senior assistant director Mohammad Nuri Hussin.

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SST unlikely to derail domestic growth

Supportive policies set to cushion impact of tax

ECONOMY

PETALING JAYA: The upcoming expansion of the sales and services tax (SST), slated to take effect on July 1, is unlikely to derail Malaysia's economic growth, although it may trigger a short-term spike in consumer prices, analysts say.

Supportive domestic policies and targeted implementation are expected to cushion the broader impact of the expanded SST.

According to CGS International Research (CGSI Research), while the broader SST coverage is set to affect luxury goods and non-essential services – particularly those consumed by foreigners – it is designed to avoid burdening the average household.

"Based on our estimation, we deduced that the SST expansion could add 10 to 20 basis points (bps) to Malaysia's annual consumer price index (CPI) this year," the research house said in a note.

"In terms of trajectory, we expect a short-term spike in prices where the CPI could rise by 0.5% month-on-month in July and 2.2% year-on-year (y-o-y) compared with

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CGS International Research

1.8% y-o-y in June, before peaking in September at around 2.4% y-o-y," the research house said.

Nevertheless, CGSI Research maintained its full-year CPI forecast at 2% y-o-y, citing weaker global commodity prices as a mitigating factor.

"We anticipate the prices of commodities such as oil and palm oil will continue to remain weak, which could provide a buffer

against any potential price pressure ahead," it said.

The expansion of the tax, dubbed SST 3.0, follows the earlier SST 2.0 revision last year, which had minimal effect on economic growth.

This time, the government has widened the tax base to cover more luxury items and services equivalent to 12.9% of gross domestic product (GDP), while increasing sales tax rates on 64% of listed products.

"We think the negative impact of SST 3.0 on GDP growth this year should be modest due to support from wage reform and cash assistance," CGSI Research highlighted.

"The expansion of the SST has been specifically curated to target high-income earners so that private consumption is unlikely to be negatively affected," it pointed out.

On monetary policy, CGSI Research said it believes Bank Negara would likely stay cautious, but eventually ease interest rates.

"We think Bank Negara will likely maintain a dovish stance, and expect a 25 bps cut on overnight policy rate to 2.75% this year," it said.

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Bursa Malaysia closes lower amid foreign selling

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KUALA LUMPUR: Bursa Malaysia closed lower yesterday amid foreign fund outflows as investors weighed the escalating Israel-Iran tensions, say analysts.

At 5pm, the FBM KLCI dropped 8.35 points, or 0.54%, to 1,511.64 from Monday's close of 1,519.99.

The benchmark index opened 1.17 points lower at 1,518.82 and fluctuated between

1,510.92 and 1,520.89 throughout the trading session. Market breadth was negative, with 538 decliners outpacing 353 gainers, while 494 counters were unchanged, 1,031 untraded and 22 suspended.

Turnover expanded to 3.03 billion units worth RM1.92bil compared with Monday's 2.83 billion units valued at RM2.04bil.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd equity research

vice-president Thong Pak Leng said key regional indices ended mixed as investors remained concerned over geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

He said the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is widely expected to keep rates unchanged today, with attention shifting to the guidance Fed chair Jerome Powell provides on the timing of future interest rate cuts.

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Strict rules, safe roads

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Over 600 vehicles fail tyre checks under new regulations

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PETALING JAYA: More than 600 commercial vehicles have failed tyre inspections at Puspakom since the Road Transport Department (JPJ) tightened the inspection requirements beginning this month.

"Between June 1 and 10, 658 out of 49,570 commercial vehicles, or 1.3%, failed the tyre inspection, while 43 commercial vehicles (mainly tipper trucks) failed the sideboard inspection," said the national vehicle inspection company.

Effective June 1, a tyre will only pass inspection if the entire tyre surface has a tread depth of at least 1.6mm.

Up to May 31, a tyre could pass if at least 75% of its tread area has the stipulated minimum tread depth requirement.

The failure rate attributable to tyres was 1.1% for all of May.

For dumper or tipper lorries, their sideboards must not exceed either 762mm or 610mm, depending on the vehicle's gross vehicle weight, and documentation on the type of load they are allowed to transport must be presented during inspection – a practice that was not required previously.

On the latest passing rate, Puspakom said in a written



Checks underway:

Staff examining the tyre thickness of a lorry at the Puspakom inspection centre in Alam Megah.
— IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

response to *The Star* that heavy vehicle owners and operators should not focus solely on passing inspections, but also prioritise safety and roadworthiness by complying with standards set under the Road Transport Act.

Nonetheless, Puspakom noted that this initial comparison may not be truly reflective of the situation on the ground, as the June data covers only the first 10 days after the ruling came into effect.

"Adhering to these standards not only helps safeguard the safety of vehicle owners and other

road users, but also contributes significantly to reducing road accidents," said Puspakom.

Heavy vehicles came into focus recently with several high-profile crashes, such as the May 13 collision between a tipper truck and a police lorry that resulted in the deaths of nine Federal Reserve Unit personnel, as well as the June 9 bus crash that killed 15 undergraduates. Both tragedies took place in Perak.

On a separate matter, Puspakom said failure rates (from all causes) of inspected vehicles that saw a

bump in January and February have now moderated.

"The failure rate for inspection at our centres now average 23%, against a high of 39% in the first two months of the year.

"This reflects a more cautious and careful approach by vehicle owners, which is positive news for us," said Puspakom chief executive officer Mahmood Razak Bahman in the same statement.

He added that this is likely due to vehicle owners exercising greater caution by ensuring their vehicles are better maintained.

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Retirement gap hits women hard

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KUALA LUMPUR: Women aged 65 and above receive 26% less retirement income compared to men, says World Economic Forum longevity economy lead Haleh Nazari.

This disparity is part of the "triple storm" that women everywhere face – they tend to live longer but have lower savings because they had to take time off work to be caregivers.

"When it comes to the longevity economy, women have to face triple threats because we live longer, make less money, and have less savings and retirement funds.

"But we are also the main caregivers, so we leave the workforce, resulting in less income. This is a critical issue," she said at the International Social Wellbeing Conference 2025, "Living to a Hundred: Are We Prepared?" yesterday.

It is because of these reasons that employers should not discount women job applicants who have gaps in their resumes, she added.

"I think everyone who wants to work must be given an opportunity, especially caregivers who have left the workforce.

"They should be given the benefit of the doubt for gaps in their resume. When you have that gap, many people think it is bad, but actually, they have taken time off to care for their families.

"So give these women the chance and you will see how resilient and enthusiastic they are coming back to work," she said.

The triple storm faced by women was among the challenges facing the world and future workforce, Haleh said, adding that it was time societies rethink the current labour and retirement systems which were designed for a 70-year life, she added.

"We also need new innovations that are intergenerational, sustainable and inclusive of people



All ears: Participants at the ISWC 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

who were left behind when the first-time pension and retirement systems were created.

"We must also build a financial resilience cushion for key life events – both planned and unplanned – that can push individuals to financial hardship and in extreme cases, the brink of poverty."

For instance, companies not only should provide care-giving

facilities not just for children but also for older adults.

"Many employees want this as they live longer and face certain difficulties," she said.

In her presentation, "The Longevity Economy: Lessons and Opportunities in Living Longer", she said the world must change the narrative when it comes to thinking about longevity.

The only way forward was to

think about longevity through an intergenerational lens and consider what all generations can achieve together.

Also, it was time to view ageing not as a burden but an advantage, like a new demographic that could drive future growth, she said.

Haleh added that companies should not discount any job applicant due to their age.

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Govt to amend law in bid to boost TVET

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PUTRAJAYA: The government has agreed to amend the National Skills Development Act to further strengthen Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the country.

Human Resources Minister Steven Sim (*pic*) said through the amendment, the ministry aims to elevate the Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) to a level equivalent to a degree or even a doctorate (PhD).

He said introducing new and higher levels in SKM is necessary, as the certificate currently only comprises levels one to five, equivalent to an advanced diploma.



"I will table the amendment to this Act in Parliament and I urge all MPs to support it," he said, explaining that he wanted to have levels six, seven and eight so that TVET education can be considered on par with a PhD.

Sim, who launched the P10X Academy Sdn Bhd here yesterday, said the public must change their perception of TVET institutions, as they offer vast opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge and new skills.

"We want to draw parents' attention to TVET ... We also want to cultivate the mindset that not everyone needs to go to university, as we also have TVET institutions for further studies," he said, Bernama reported.

Meanwhile, Sim said the integrated UP TVET system has received 140,000 applications for admission to TVET institutions so far.

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PM: Govt faces tough call, but tax reform unavoidable

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KUALA LUMPUR: Although the government faces a "dilemma", the implementation of tax reforms is a necessity, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said such reforms were needed to accommodate the cost due to new emerging challenges facing the nation.

"I said that it is a dilemma and to paraphrase Hamlet: 'To tax or not to tax'."

"Yet, you have to expand the revenue base to ensure public services, education and healthcare reforms."

"The new challenges such as artificial intelligence (AI) technology and digitisation, all demand funds and disbursements of more funds."

"But no one wants to pay, including the very rich," he said when launching the Digital Asset Sandbox and the Sasana Symposium 2025 here yesterday.

Anwar, who is also the Finance Minister, said that tax reforms are necessary as it would expand the revenue base to improve on enforcement efforts while addressing leakages without burdening the poor.

In a statement on June 9, the Finance Ministry announced that the reviewed and expanded Sales and Service Tax (SST) rates would come into effect next month.

The measure is aimed at strengthening the country's fiscal position by increasing

revenue and broadening the tax base, the ministry said.

The announcement has since received pushback from several quarters, calling for the expanded SST implementation to be postponed.

They said the new SST could worsen living costs and place further strain on small businesses amid fragile economic conditions.

On a separate matter, Anwar said that a joint ministerial committee was recently formed to look into reforms in the national healthcare system to ensure affordable and accessible private healthcare for the people.

"For many Malaysians, private healthcare is becoming increasingly inaccessible due to escalating medical costs and inflation. This is not just an alarming concern but also a question of the national well-being," he said.

The committee, comprising representatives from Bank Negara, Finance Ministry and Health Ministry, will look at long-term concrete solutions, he added.

"We are not looking for minor adjustments or minor paradigm shifts."

"We must be prepared to undertake a fundamental shift towards a value-based private healthcare system that prioritises outcomes, transparency and fairness."

"Key reforms include clearer pricing, stronger digital healthcare and expanded access to affordable options such as universal base medical insurance products," he said.

According to Anwar, the joint committee would deliver on the reforms, unlike previous unsuccessful attempts.

He said the government must go beyond symbolic changes to carry out reforms to ensure affordable and accessible private healthcare.

On subsidy rationalisation, Anwar said that it is not a luxury but a national necessity although an unpopular move.

"We do not have a choice yet the problem lies when on one side, you have these impatient demands to undertake massive reforms," he said.

"On the other hand, there are the ultras, neo-conservatives and desperate politicians who would apportion entire blame and go against any attempts to undertake reforms."

Anwar said such a negative narrative was prevalent on social media and more effort must be made to explain the need for the subsidy rationalisation exercise.

"Many of the corporate players are completely oblivious to these things, and that is our challenge," he said.

"While it has to be done, it also has to be explained and well articulated to get the people to understand and appreciate."

On Monday, Anwar said that the RON95 petrol subsidy rationalisation would go ahead as planned.

Meanwhile, in an X posting, Anwar said Shell will increase its investment in Malaysia by more than RM9bil over the next two to three years, which is expected to create high-skilled jobs.

Anwar said the plan was conveyed by Shell's Global chief executive officer Wael Sawan during a meeting yesterday.

"This investment reflects international investors' confidence in our sound economic policies and clear leadership. Malaysia will continue to chart a prosperous and competitive future," he said.

Anwar added that aside from being a prominent player in the global energy industry, Shell has long been a key investment partner and part of Malaysia's economic journey.

Earlier, Sawan was quoted as saying that demand for liquefied natural gas in South-East Asia – particularly in Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines, and Thailand – is expected to grow steadily from now until 2035.



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MCMC: Telcos have more data ✓

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PETALING JAYA: Mobile phone data collected by the government is far less than what big tech companies already have, says a Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) commissioner, amid continued concerns over the initiative.

MCMC commissioner Derek Fernandez said the data collected by the Mobile Phone Data (MPD) programme is anonymised and does not contain any personal information.

"The data we request does not include names, addresses, IC numbers or phone numbers. It's only general data."

"Big tech companies already have more personal data. They know where you are, what you're

buying. Isn't that a bigger concern?" he said, addressing critics of the initiative who fear the data could be misused.

Fernandez said the MPD initiative is grounded under International Telecommunications Union practices, a UN agency for information and communication technologies.

"The most important thing is that we tell the telcos not to send us personal identification. Only the Statistics Department will have access to the anonymised data for analysis and policymaking."

"For example, if I want to know how many people like going to a certain place on a Friday, I can either choose to sit there and count, or check mobile phone usage."

"We don't have granular data on the exact location of the device,

only the cell tower it is connected to," Fernandez added.

At a media briefing on June 9, MCMC deputy managing director Datuk Zurkarnain Mohd Yasin said all mobile network operators have agreed to comply with the MFD.

He also said the Statistics Department will process and analyse the data for publication.

The collected data will be stored at a MCMC premise for three years, while the project, which is in the pilot phase, will continue until 2026.

Telcos have since reaffirmed their commitment to protecting customer data and privacy as the exercise is carried out.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong also proposed that the government address possible pitfalls with the exercise.

Data collected by MCMC under the Mobile Phone Data collection initiative



- 1 Anonymised subscriber identifier
- 2 Unique ID
- 3 Latitude of telco towers
- 4 Longitude of telco towers
- 5 Date and time of transactions
- 6 Data types
- 7 Network types (2G, 4G or 5G)
- 8 Mobile country code

Note: The IC number, name, phone number or other personally identifiable information are **not collected**

Source: MCMC

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'Collection of metadata poses risks'

Cybersecurity experts say govt proposal raises important privacy concerns

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PETALING JAYA: Like puzzle pieces scattered across a table, bits of digital data may appear meaningless on their own.

But with enough time, as well as location and behavioural clues, a recognisable picture can emerge.

That is the concern raised by cybersecurity experts over a government initiative to collect anonymised mobile phone data.

The Mobile Phone Data (MPD) programme, introduced by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), is intended to support public policy, particularly in tourism and infrastructure planning.

Although authorities have emphasised that the data excludes names and identification numbers, experts warn that by combining the anonymous data with other metadata such as tower location, timestamps and user behaviour, it could still expose

individuals to reidentification and cyber threats.

According to AI Society president Dr Azree Shahrel Ahmad Nazri, even coarse location data such as cell tower logs can be used to build a person's detailed behavioural profile.

"From just a few days of movement data, researchers can predict who you are with over 90% accuracy," he claimed when contacted.

"This is why metadata is not truly anonymous."

MCMC, in a media briefing last week, clarified that IMEI numbers and SIM card IDs were not among the data fields requested.

However, Azree Shahrel cautioned that even without those identifiers, centralising metadata still poses significant cybersecurity risks.

He also warned that such repositories could become high-value targets for hackers, cybercriminals or foreign actors.

"If breached, this data could form a detailed map of user rou-

tines, enabling highly targeted attacks or surveillance," he said.

He suggested that persistent identifiers, such as anonymised mobile numbers, be replaced with session-based tags, and that precise timestamps be aggregated to reduce the risk of tracking individuals.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak lecturer Chuah Kee Man echoed those concerns, pointing out that the MPD does not currently violate the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA), as anonymised metadata and government agencies fall outside its scope.

However, he argued that this legal blind spot still raises red flags.

"The collection is occurring without the public's explicit consent or even knowledge."

"And while it may not breach the PDPA directly, it creates ethical and legal issues surrounding the erosion of privacy rights," he said.

He warned that once data is stored at this scale, it could poten-

tially be used for political profiling, social control or surveillance.

"The integrity of how this data is used relies entirely on those managing it—both now and in the future," he said.

He called for a shift in approach, including the principle of data minimisation, where only essential data is collected, and for the implementation of informed consent policies.

"If the government insists on collecting such data, it must demonstrate a clear need and adopt every possible measure to protect users," he said.

Cybersecurity specialist Fong Choong Fook said public concern about the MPD programme is not unfounded, especially given previous data breaches involving government-linked agencies.

"One of the most notable cases was in 2017, when the personal data of 46 million Malaysians was leaked after the MCMC outsourced work to a contractor."

"Incidents like these continue to shape public scepticism,"

he said.

The massive data breach in 2017, believed to affect almost the entire population of Malaysia, included lists of mobile phone numbers, identity card numbers, home addresses and SIM card data of 46.2 million customers from multiple mobile phone and mobile virtual network operators.

"Take note that the PDPA does not apply to MCMC. This means that if a data leak were to occur, MCMC would not be held liable," he said, highlighting a gap in accountability.

Fong urged the government to be transparent about the anonymisation process and to release a clear set of guidelines outlining how the data is managed, what safeguards are in place and how privacy is protected.

"There should be a publicly accessible framework, or at least a white paper that can be scrutinised by independent experts."

"We cannot continue operating in a black box," he said.

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Ex-sports dept head charged with bribery and false claims

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MELAKA: A former director of the Melaka Youth and Sports Department has claimed trial to five charges of receiving bribes and submitting false claims amounting to RM126,100.

Khairul Adri Rosli, 51, entered his plea after the charges were read out before judge Elesabet Paya Wan at the Sessions Court in Ayer Keroh here.

In the first charge, the accused is alleged to have submitted false documents concerning upgrading works for the tennis and petanque courts at the Melaka State Youth and Sports Complex amounting to RM126,100.

The offence was allegedly committed at the Melaka Youth and

Sports Department's office on Dec 8, 2023.

The charge was framed under Section 18 of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, which is punishable under Section 24(2) of the same Act.

If convicted, the accused could be imprisoned for up to 20 years and fined not less than five times the value of the false claim or RM10,000, whichever is higher.

For the second to fifth charges, the accused is alleged to have received RM8,000 from Shaari So'od, 63, who had a vested interest in the upgrading works of the tennis and petanque courts at the Melaka Youth and Sports Complex.

The offences were allegedly committed at four locations

around the Melaka International Trade Centre and Bukit Baru between Sept 25, 2023, and June 25, 2024.

For these offences, the accused was charged under Section 165 of the Penal Code, which carries a sentence of up to two years' imprisonment or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Sharina Farhana Nor Sa'ari proposed bail of RM25,000 for all charges with additional conditions.

Defence lawyer T. Gajendran appealed for lower bail, saying that his client has to support three schoolgoing children, his wife and his mother.

The court later granted bail at RM20,000 for all charges and fixed Aug 15 as the next mention date.



Court day:
Khairul (centre) walking out after claiming trial at the Sessions Court in Ayer Keroh to five charges of receiving bribes and submitting false claims.

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Kerajaan sedia lihat kembali peluasan SST - Supol Menteri Kewangan

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IPOH - Kerajaan bersedia meneliti semula pelaksanaan peluasan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) sekiranya terdapat kelompondangan atau aduan berkaitan pelaksanaannya yang memberi kesan kepada rakyat.

Setiausaha Politik kepada Menteri Kewangan, Muhammad Kamil Abdul Munim berkata, meskipun peluasan skop SST akan diteruskan bermula 1 Julai ini, kerajaan tetap terbuka terhadap sebarang cadangan atau maklum balas daripada industri dan rakyat.

"Saya tidak fikir kerajaan akan menutup ruang untuk meneliti semula da-

sar ini jika ada segmen atau sektor tertentu yang memerlukan pertimbangan semula. Ini bukan undang-undang Tuhan, jadi kalau ada keperluan untuk ditambah baik, maka sewajarnya ia diteliti.

"Tujuan utama peluasan SST ini adalah untuk memperkukuh asas cukai negara yang ketika ini antara paling rendah di rantau ini tanpa membebankan majoriti rakyat," katanya kepada pemberita.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas menziarahi anggota Pasukan Simpanan Persekutuan (FRU) yang terlibat nahas tragis trak FRU, Sarjan Mazlan Mat di Taman Desa Tambun di sini pada Selasa.

Muhammad Kamil berkata, kerajaan memastikan barang-barang keperluan asas tidak terlibat dalam peluasan cukai itu manakala barang yang dikenakan SST adalah barangan tertentu seperti yang disenaraikan dalam warta kerajaan.

Mengulas mengenai kebimbangan penganan cukai terhadap buah-buahan, beliau menjelaskan bahawa SST hanya dikenakan terhadap buah-buahan import, bukannya hasil tempatan.

"Keluhan ada diterima daripada pemain industri berkenaan kekurangan bekalan buah-buahan tempatan untuk menampung permintaan pasaran.

"Ini akan diteliti kerajaan, namun dasar asalnya ialah tidak mengenakan cukai terhadap barangan tempatan, tidak diproses atau dikilangkan," katanya.

Tambahnya, seperti pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel sebelum ini, kerajaan juga menerima pelbagai reaksi namun berjaya mengatasi isu bangkit selepas pelaksanaannya.

"Setiap dasar akan menimbulkan keluhan pada peringkat awal, itu perkara biasa.

"Tapi akhirnya, kerajaan akan pastikan ia diselaraskan supaya tidak membebankan majoriti rakyat," katanya.

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SST bagus tetapi perlu penambahbaikan

Pakar ekonomi sifatkan sebagai cukai mesra rakyat berbanding GST yang lebih menyeluruh

Oleh NURUL HIDAYAH HAMID
SHAH ALAM

Pakar ekonomi berpandangan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) masih layak dianggap sebagai sistem terbaik untuk pelaksanaan cukai bersasar di negara ini, mengambil kira kesesuaian landskap ekonomi tempatan.

Timbalan Presiden Persatuan Akauntan Percukaian Malaysia (MATA), Dr Mohd Fairuz A Razak bagaimanapun berkata, kerajaan masih perlu melakukan beberapa penambahbaikan supaya ia lebih efektif berbanding Cukai Barang dan Perkhidmatan (GST) yang pernah diperkenalkan di negara ini.

Beliau berkata, penambahbaikan tersebut antaranya mengecualikan cukai khususnya terhadap semua barangan makanan, sayur-sayuran dan buah-buahan secara menyeluruh agar item-item berkaitan benar-benar memenuhi keperluan bersasar.

"SST sememangnya lebih mesra rakyat pada masa ini kerana kadar cukainya tidak dikenakan secara menyeluruh berbanding GST."

"Bagaimanapun, barangan keperluan asas termasuklah produk makanan diimport tidak wajar dikenakan cukai memandangkan ia merupakan elemen penting dalam kehidupan rakyat, walaupun mungkin terdapat sebahagian daripadanya dianggap barangan mewah dan dinikmati golongan berkemampuan."

"Persoalan saya, bagaimana kerajaan hendak memastikan pengasingan item sayur-sayuran, buah-buahan dan hasil ruminan yang bersifat mewah dapat dikuatkuasakan secara menyeluruh tanpa membebankan golongan pengedar dan peruncit?"



Pakar berpendapat, kerajaan perlu mengecualikan SST bagi barangan makanan, sayur-sayuran dan buah-buahan secara menyeluruh. - Gambar hiasan



MOHD FAIRUZ



MOHD AFZANIZAM



"Paling penting, adakah kesemua bahan makanan, sayur-sayuran dan buah-buahan diimport hanya dinikmati golongan berpendapatan tinggi? Bagaimana pula dengan bawang, garam, mangga dan pisang yang turut menjadi makanan harian golongan B40?" katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Selasa.

Sebelum ini, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menegaskan bahawa kerajaan masih belum bersedia untuk melaksanakan semula GST pada ketika ini kerana ekonomi rakyat masih belum pulih sepenuhnya.

Anwar memaklumkan, kerajaan ketika ini memilih untuk meneruskan sistem SST yang lebih bersasar kerana ia hanya mengenakan cukai kepada barangan tertentu, khususnya barangan import mewah.

Justeru, Mohd Fairuz berkata, semua barangan asas termasuklah yang diimport dari luar negara juga perlu diberi pengecualian cukai SST.

"Negara memang banyak mengimport makanan asas dari negara lain. Jadi, salah satu cara adalah kerajaan terpaksa kecualikan makanan untuk memastikan lebih bersasar."

"Jika tidak, ia akan menjadi isu besar dan memakan diri kerajaan semula sebab makanan asas merupakan satu keperluan untuk hidup, bukan suatu kehendak yang sekadar dinikmati golongan tertentu semata-mata," ujarnya.

Mohd Fairuz menegaskan, pelaksanaan SST bersasar hanya dapat dicapai sekiranya kerajaan benar-benar membuat semakan terperinci terhadap senarai barangan yang akan dikenakan cukai.

Menurut beliau, buah-buahan tertentu seperti avokado yang dikatakan mewah juga kini turut dinikmati rakyat pelbagai golongan termasuklah yang berpendapatan rendah (B40).

Beliau turut menasihatkan kerajaan agar tidak terburu-buru membuat peluasan SST kerana ramai dalam kalangan rakyat dan peniaga masih terkeliru dengan jumlah sebenar item dikenakan cukai.

Sementara itu, Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd, Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid berkata, pelaksanaan dasar percukaian yang kerap

Kebaikan SST

- Cukai hanya dikenakan kepada barangan keluaran di peringkat pengeluaran sahaja, sementara peringkat pengguna untuk perkhidmatan.
- Kos pentadbiran dalam rantaian bekalan lebih mudah dan rendah kerana tidak perlu memantau dengan terperinci.
- Mesra rakyat.

Kelemahan SST

- Kos cukai tidak telus dan boleh disembunyikan dalam harga walaupun sebenarnya telah dipindahkan oleh peniaga kepada pengguna.
- SST boleh menjadi berlapis sekiranya tidak diberitahu dalam rangkaian bekalan tersebut.

Kebaikan GST

- Lebih telus dalam resit kerana perlu dicetak, sekali gus mengelakkan ketirisan, penyelewangan dan penipuan bayar cukai.
- Diguna pakai lebih 160 negara di seluruh dunia iaitu mudah diadaptasi.
- Mesra peniaga.

Kelemahan GST

- Kos pentadbiran lebih tinggi kerana setiap komponen dalam rantaian nilai perlu diukur cukai.
- Perlu memastikan input cukai dihantar kepada kerajaan dengan efisien supaya tidak didenda atau lambat mendapat rebat cukai.
- Lebih banyak barang kena cukai

berubah dalam tempoh masa terdekat hanya akan membebankan rakyat dan peniaga.

Bagaimanapun, beliau berpandangan, SST boleh dianggap sistem cukai yang lebih sesuai diimplementasikan dalam landskap ekonomi negara sekiranya ia kekal konsisten.

"Jadi, isunya adalah lebih kepada kaedah pelaksanaan dan penguatkuasaan dasar itu dengan lebih konsisten dalam memastikan sistem SST lebih efektif dari segi peraksanaannya," ujar beliau.

Jelasnya, pelaksanaan SST ketika ini menunjukkan hasil positif selari dengan keperluan kerajaan untuk meningkatkan hasil negara secara bersasar.

"Itu bermakna sistem sedia ada perlu menepati sasaran ataupun objektif kerajaan untuk memperbaiki kedudukan kewangan mereka, melalui usaha mengecilkan defisit fiskal dan menjadikan hutang kerajaan Persekutuan itu berada dalam keadaan lebih stabil," ujarnya.

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Anjakan dasar sediakan Malaysia hadapi penduduk berumur panjang

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KUALA LUMPUR - Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menyeru supaya berlaku anjakan paradigma dalam dasar awam, dengan menggesa negara agar tidak lagi melihat isu umur panjang sekadar satu trend demografi.

Dalam ucapan pada Persidangan Kesejahteraan Sosial Antarabangsa (ISWC) 2025 di sini, Anwar berkata, dasar awam perlu mengiktiraf umur panjang sebagai satu bentuk transformasi struktur yang menuntut pelaksanaan reformasi proaktif dalam sistem penjagaan kesihatan, perlindungan sosial dan perancangan ekonomi.

"Untuk menjadi peneraju bersifat inisiatif, kita mesti melabur dalam sistem

kesihatan, penjagaan sosial, perumahan, instrumen kewangan dan industri yang menyokong masyarakat menua.

"Ini merupakan satu isyarat jelas agar kita memberi penekanan lebih besar terhadap pelaburan dalam bidang kesihatan, khususnya penjagaan pencegahan, pendidikan kesihatan awam dan sistem sokongan berasaskan komuniti.

"Kita mesti beralih daripada sistem yang merawat penyakit kepada sistem yang mengutamakan kesejahteraan sepanjang hayat," katanya sambil menambah bahawa ekonomi umur panjang global diunjurkan melebihi AS\$65 trilion (kira-kira RM275.8 trilion) menjelang 2030.

Perdana Menteri turut menekankan ke-

perluan rakyat Malaysia bukan sekadar hidup lebih lama, tetapi juga menikmati kehidupan lebih sihat memandangkan jangka hayat sihat semasa menunjukkan jurang selama sembilan tahun yang dipenuhi dengan masalah kesihatan, kecacatan atau penurunan kualiti hidup.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali berkata, matlamat persidangan itu mencetuskan idea dalam penggubalan dasar berkaitan ekonomi usia panjang atau *longevity economy* yang merupakan pemacu transformatif cara masyarakat bekerja dan menua dengan lebih bermakna.

"ISWC 2025 bertujuan mencetuskan perbincangan jangka hayat yang makin

panjang dan memastikan populasi yang semakin menua tidak dilihat sebagai cabaran, tetapi pemangkin pertumbuhan ekonomi dan kemajuan sosial.

"Jangka hayat lebih panjang membuka sempadan baharu dan ruang inovasi menerusi kemunculan ekonomi usia panjang yang didorong oleh sumbangan produktif, penggunaan, dan pengalaman golongan lebih berusia.

"Perkembangan ini tidak terhad persaraan dan penjagaan kesihatan tetapi merangkumi cara kita merancang bandar, bentuk tenaga kerja, bangun teknologi inklusif serta pupuk pembelajaran sepanjang hayat dan gaya hidup menua yang aktif," ujarnya.

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Pembaharuan cukai satu keperluan

Malaysia perlu
sesuaikan dasar
untuk jadi ekonomi
berpendapatan tinggi

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia perlu menyesuaikan dasarnya, mempunyai institusi kukuh dan mengekalkan hala tuju jelas untuk mencapai matlamat menjadi ekonomi berpendapatan tinggi, kata Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, Kerangka Ekonomi Madani mencerminkan visi negara untuk menjadi ekonomi berpendapatan tinggi dan menggambarkan komitmen dua hala.

"Pertama, dasar perindustrian perlu dimodenkan, menumpukan kepada daya saing sektoral, transformasi digital, pertumbuhan hijau dan peningkatan rantaian nilai.

"Kedua, manfaat daripada pengembangan ekonomi perlu me-

nyeluruh terutamanya bagi segmen masyarakat rentan dan kurang mendapat perhatian," kata beliau dalam ucapan di Simposium Sasana 2025 di sini pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata, agenda reformasi Madani mengguna pakai pendekatan keseluruhan negara memandangkan negara mengutamakan lima bidang kritikal iaitu kemampunan dan tadbir urus fiskal, rasionalisasi subsidi, pembaharuan cukai, peningkatan modal insan dan integriti institusi.

Menurut Anwar, rasionalisasi subsidi adalah bersasar dan bukan menyeluruh bagi memastikan bantuan benar-benar sampai kepada golongan yang memerlukan.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, pembaharuan cukai adalah satu keperluan untuk mengembangkan asas hasil, menambah baik penguatkuasaan dan menangani ketirisan tanpa membebankan golongan berpendapatan rendah.

Sementara itu, Perdana Menteri menegaskan bahawa kerajaan dan sektor swasta perlu melaksanakan misi untuk menjadikan Malaysia sebagai ekonomi berpendapatan tinggi.

"Kita berbangga kerana mampu menarik pelaburan asing, teknologi baharu dan kecerdasan buatan - daripada Infineon ke-



Anwar (tengah) bergambar bersama peserta iTEKad selepas merasmikan Simposium Sasana 2025 di Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia pada Selasa.

pada Nvidia, Google dan AMD. Namun, kita juga perlu meningkatkan pendapatan dan bakat melalui peningkatan kemahiran digital termasuk pembaharuan dalam pasaran buruh," katanya.

Anwar berkata, di peringkat serantau, Malaysia selaku Pengerusi ASEAN tahun ini mengesahkan keperluan untuk meneruskan integrasi ekonomi yang lebih mendalam, berteraskan pertumbuhan inklusif, berdaya tahan dan mampan.

Beliau berkata, terdapat keperluan untuk memperteguh perdagangan dan pelaburan intra-ASEAN serta bekerjasama erat dengan negara lain.

"Kita terus bergantung kepada Amerika Syarikat dalam pelaburan dan perdagangan. Kita juga meningkatkan hubungan dengan China dan negara-negara lain di rantau ini.

"Kita turut bekerjasama erat untuk memastikan Perjanjian Perdagangan Bebas antara

Kesatuan Eropah dengan Malaysia dan ASEAN akan berjaya," kata beliau.

Pada simposium itu, Anwar turut melancarkan Hab Inovasi Aset Digital secara rasmi yang menyasarkan untuk merangsang inovasi kewangan dalam persekitaran yang terkawal untuk pemohon mencuba idea baharu dan memberikan input untuk memperhalusi rangka kerja pengawalseliaan dan keselamatan.

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Kerajaan perkasa TVET, setuju gubal Akta 652

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PUTRAJAYA – Kerajaan ber-setuju mengubal Akta Pembangunan Kemahiran Kebangsaan 2006 (Akta 652) bagi memperkasakan dan meningkatkan kualiti Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) di negara ini.

Menteri Sumber Manusia, Steven Sim Chee Keong berkata, menerusi penggubalan akta itu, pihaknya berhasrat meningkatkan tahap Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) supaya setaraf ijazah atau doktor falsafah (PhD).

Beliau berkata, pengenalan tahap baharu dan lebih tinggi dalam SKM penting kerana ketika ini SKM hanya mempunyai tahap satu hingga lima dengan kelayakan tertinggi setara diploma lanjutan.

"Saya akan bantangkan pindaan kepada akta ini di Parlimen dan saya minta semua Ahli Parlimen menyokong.

"Saya mahu bantangkan supaya daripada tahap satu hingga lima, kita tambah lagi kepada tahap enam, tujuh dan lapan supaya jadikan pendidikan TVET ini setara PhD," katanya pada majlis pelancaran P10X Academy Sdn. Bhd. di sini semalam.

Katanya, masyarakat perlu membuka minda terhadap institusi TVET kerana ia membuka



STEVEN SIM

ruang serta peluang besar kepada golongan muda menimba ilmu serta kemahiran baharu.

Steven Sim berkata, pihaknya mahu membudayakan pemikiran bahawa peluang menyambung pelajaran bukan di universiti sahaja sebaliknya turut disediakan di institusi TVET.

Sementara itu katanya, sistem bersepadu UP TVET menerima sebanyak 140,000 permohonan kemasukan ke institusi TVET setakat ini.

"Mungkin satu hari, kita akan masukkan juga institusi TVET swasta supaya memudahkan pelajar-pelajar yang ingin ambil jurusan TVET dengan mengakses laman berkenaan," katanya.

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KPK kaji impak SST ke atas ekosistem getah domestik

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JOHARI melawat reruai pameran selepas melancarkan Dana Hubungan Industri 2.0 di Kuala Lumpur semalam.

KUALA LUMPUR – Kementerian Perlindungan dan Komoditi (KPK) sedang mendapatkan maklumat daripada pemain industri berhubung kesan pelaksanaan cukai jualan perkhidmatan (SST) ke atas ekosistem getah domestik.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani berkata, langkah itu bagi memastikan kesan cukai berkenaan dinilai secara menyeluruh sebelum sebarang tindakan diambil.

"Saya sedang mendapatkan maklumat daripada pemain industri. Nanti bila kita dah dapat kita tengok apa kesannya, saya akan bawa kepada Perdana Menteri" katanya ketika ditemui se-

lepas merasmikan Majlis Pelancaran Dana Hubungan Industri 2.0 (ILF 2.0) di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian sebagai respon kepada kenyataan Persatuan Pengeluar Sarung Tangan Getah Malaysia yang menyeru kerajaan menangguhkan pelaksanaan cukai lima peratus ke atas bahan mentah lateks getah asli (NR) dan lateks getah nitril butadiena (NBR), yang disenaraikan di bawah perintah terkini PU(A) 170/2025.

Dalam pada itu, Abdul Ghani berkata, inisiatif ILF 2.0 yang dilancarkan Majlis Getah Malaysia (MRC) mampu memperkukuhkan industri getah melalui penye-

lidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) serta kerjasama antara industri.

"ILF 2.0 dapat memainkan peranan sebagai pemacu untuk membawa hasil penyelidikan ke pasaran, menghubungkan industri dengan intelek, serta melahirkan penyelesaian yang boleh mengubah struktur industri getah.

"Versi baharu ini lebih bersasar dan strategik kepada pembangunan produk getah," katanya.

Selain itu katanya, MRC turut memperkenalkan penambahbaikan terkini Dana Automasi dan Teknologi Hijau (FAGT), sebuah lagi inisiatif MRC untuk menyokong transformasi digital dan automasi dalam sektor getah.

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Sogok penguat kuasa imigresen RM25,000

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JOHOR BAHRU – Tiga pekerja kilang mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen, di sini semalam atas tuduhan memberi rasuah kepada penguat kuasa imigresen bagi melindungi pekerja warga asing di pusat hiburan di Kluang, lima bulan lalu.

Tertuduh, Gan Chi Qian, 25, Lai Yee Keong, 42, dan Wong Kent Sing, 51, membuat pengakuan tersebut di hadapan Hakim Datuk Ahmad Kamal Arifin Ismail.

Mengikut pertuduhan, ketiga-tiga tertuduh secara bersama-sama telah memberi suatu suapan iaitu wang tunai RM25,000 kepada Timbalan Penolong Pengarah Imigresen di Bahagian Penguat kuasa Johor ketika Ops Gegar di sebuah pusat hiburan di Kluang.

Ini sebagai balasan untuk tidak mengambil tindakan undang-undang terhadap lima pekerja warga asing yang telah

melakukan kesalahan di bawah Peraturan 39(b) Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963.

Kesemua mereka dituduh melakukan perbuatan itu kira-kira pukul 4.30 pagi di Pejabat Unit Tindakan, Bahagian Penguat kuasa, Jabatan Imigresen Johor, Kompleks Kementerian Dalam Negeri, Taman Setia Tropika pada 11 Januari lalu.

Pertuduhan terhadap ketiga-tiga mereka dibuat mengikut Seksyen 214 Kanun Keseksaan dan dibaca bersama Seksyen 34 Kanun yang sama.

Pendakwaan dikendalikan oleh Pegawai Pendakwa Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Fazal Lisam Abidin, manakala kesemua tertuduh diwakili peguam Dr. Abraham Mathew.

Mahkamah membenarkan setiap tertuduh diikat jamin RM5,000 dengan seorang penjamin. Kes disebut semula pada 18 Julai depan.



KENY SING (depan), Yee Keong (belakang) dan Chi Qian dibawa ke Mahkamah Sesyen Johor Bahru atas pertuduhan rasuah semalam.

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Kos rawatan perubahan yang semakin membebaskan sering menjadi penghalang bagi golongan kurang berkemampuan mendapatkan rawatan sewajarnya.

Menyedari keperluan mendesak itu, Yayasan UEM iaitu sayap kebajikan UEM Group Berhad (UEM Group) menyumbang sebanyak RM2 juta bagi pelaksanaan program Bantuan Perubatannya tahun ini, sekali gus menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan sumbangan mencecah RM13.9 juta sejak ia diperkenalkan pada 2014.

Malah program yang memasuki tahun ke-12 itu juga sudah memberi manfaat kepada lebih 1,600 pesakit kurang berkemampuan di seluruh negara.

Tahun ini, inisiatif ini diperluaskan lagi dengan penyertaan Hospital Rehabilitasi Cheras (HRC) sebagai rakan strategik keempat, menyertai tiga hospital sedia ada iaitu Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya (PPUM), Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM (HCTM) dan Hospital Pakar Universiti Sains Malaysia (HPUSM).

Setiap hospital akan menerima sumbangan RM500,000 yang akan digunakan bagi mendapatkan kelengkapan perubatan seperti perentak jantung dan peralatan pernafasan, ubat-ubatan, menampung kos rawatan termasuk kemoterapi serta pembedahan kritikal yang menelan belanja tinggi bagi para pesakit kurang berkemampuan di setiap hospital tersebut.

Bagi HRC, sumbangan tahun ini akan digunakan khusus untuk mendapatkan peralatan *Transcranial*



SURIANI (tiga dari kiri) ketika penyerahan sumbangan bantuan perubatan Yayasan UEM 2025 di HRC di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. Turut kelihatan, Aishah (kiri). - Gambar NSTP/FATHIL ASRI

1,600 pesakit kurang mampu terima manfaat

Sumbangan Program Bantuan Perubatan Yayasan UEM cecah RM13.9 juta sejak 2014

Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) iaitu teknologi rawatan pemulihan neurologi selain menampung kos rehabilitasi pesakit secara berterusan ke arah pemulihan jangka panjang.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Yayasan UEM Aishah Nor

berkata, usaha itu sebahagian daripada komitmen pihaknya bagi menyediakan akses kepada penjagaan kesihatan berkualiti khususnya bagi golongan kurang berkemampuan.

Katanya, meskipun negara memperlihatkan kema-

juan dalam bidang perubatan, hakikatnya masih wujud jurang dalam akses kepada penjagaan kesihatan, apatah lagi dengan kesan pandemik Covid-19 dan tekanan inflasi serta kos perubatan semakin meningkat.

Jelasnya, kisah menyayat hati seorang kanak-kanak yang memerlukan pembedahan otak segera meningkat dunia 11 tahun lalu kerana tidak dapat menjalani rawatan berikutan kos terlalu tinggi mencetuskan iltizam Yayasan UEM untuk menyokong usaha Kerajaan membantu pesakit yang memerlukan rawatan perubatan, sekali gus menjadi titik tolak bermulanya Program bantuan Perubatan.

"Kami percaya setiap individu berhak mendapatkan akses kepada perkhidmatan kesihatan dan perubatan tanpa mengira latar belakang.

"Atas semangat ini, kami

menyokong usaha kerajaan dalam memastikan sistem sokongan perubatan yang lebih inklusif dan berterusan.

"Harapan kami, sumbangan ini dapat membawa perubahan bermakna dalam kehidupan mereka yang benar-benar memerlukan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada majlis penyerahan sumbangan Program Bantuan Perubatan Yayasan UEM, semalam.

Hadir sama, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Kesihatan Datuk Sri Suriani Ahmad, Pengarah Kesihatan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya Dr Nor Aishah Abu Bakar serta Pengarah Urusan UEM Group merangkap Ahli Lembaga Pemegang Amanah Yayasan UEM Datuk Amran Hafiz Affifudin.

Sementara itu, Suriani berkata, sumbangan ini amat bermakna kerana HRC iaitu satu-satunya hospital di bawah Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) yang menawarkan pemulihan menyeluruh untuk pesakit strok, kecederaan saraf tunjang, amputasi dan lain-lain kondisi memerlukan intervensi jangka panjang.

Katanya, pembangunan teknologi sahaja tidak mencukupi tanpa sokongan pihak luar.

"Justeru, KKM sangat menghargai pembabit syarikat korporat seperti Yayasan UEM yang bukannya saja menyumbang peralatan, tetapi turut memastikan pesakit tidak tercicir daripada mendapatkan rawatan.

"Sinergi sebegini sangat penting dan perlu diperluas untuk memastikan kelangsungan kesihatan rakyat yang lebih baik," katanya.

"Harapan kami, sumbangan ini dapat membawa perubahan bermakna"
Aishah Nor

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 18 JUN 2025

Kuala Lumpur: Peningkatan bilangan rakyat Malaysia yang berada dalam kategori bekerja sendiri disifatkan sebagai satu peralihan ekonomi yang positif, sekali gus membantu mengurangkan kadar pengangguran.

Penganalisis Ekonomi, Profesor Emeritus Barjoi Bardai berkata, Malaysia masih mencatat antara peratusan terendah dalam kalangan pekerja sendiri berbanding negara jiran di Asia Tenggara seperti Indonesia dan Thailand.

"Fenomena peningkatan

Peningkatan rakyat Malaysia bekerja sendiri tunjuk peralihan ekonomi positif

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kategori bekerja sendiri di negara ini dimonopoli dalam kalangan belia dan ia satu perkembangan positif.

"Kadar pengangguran tinggi melebihi 10.3 peratus dalam kalangan golongan ini menjadi antara pendorong utama perubahan ini apabila mereka terdesak mendapatkan pekerjaan tetap.

"Oleh itu, ramai memi-

lih menjaga pendapatan sendiri menerusi perniagaan kecil, penjaan, perkhidmatan gig dan pekerjaan tidak formal yang lebih fleksibel," katanya ketika dihubungi Harian Metro.

Beliau mengenai mengenai pendedahan Ma-ybank

Investment Bank Bhd (Ma-ybank IB) mengenai lebih tiga juta rakyat Malaysia mencari rezeki menerusi pekerjaan sendiri membatik golongan peniaga kecil, penjaan, pengendali gerai makanan, kebun kecil, pekerja sektor informal serta pekerja ekonomi gig.

Peningkatan ketara itu berlaku sejak beberapa tahun lalu iaitu daripada 2.39 juta orang pada Januari 2021 kepada 3.16 juta orang setakat April 2025.

Barjoi yang juga Dekan Pusat Pengajian Siswazah, *Malaysia University of Science and Technology (MUST)* berkata, fenomena itu dianggap sebagai perkembangan positif dalam struktur eko-

nomi negara kerana mampu mengurangkan kadar pengangguran dalam jangka masa pendek dan memberi ruang kepada belia meneroka potensi baharu dalam dunia pekerjaan.

"Bagaimanapun, dari sudut lain, pekerjaan sendiri terutama dalam sektor ekonomi gig masih dianggap tidak stabil dan kurang serius kerana perlindungan sosial yang masih tidak berstruktur seperti caruman Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dan Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (PERKESO).

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bekerja sendiri di
negara ini dimonopoli
kalangan belia**

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: **1.8 JUN 2025**.....

Malaysia dijangka jadi pengimport tenaga

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Permintaan melonjak akibat kepesatan pembangunan ekonomi, ledakan teknologi

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Malaysia dijangka menjadi pengimport tenaga dalam tempoh lima tahun akan datang susulan peningkatan mendadak permintaan domestik, khususnya dalam sektor elektrik yang kini mencatat pertumbuhan tahunan sekitar 6.5 peratus.

Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif PETRONAS, Tan Sri Tengku Muhammad Taufik Tengku Aziz, berkata permintaan yang melonjak akibat kepesatan pembangunan ekonomi, pertumbuhan kelas pertengahan, serta ledakan teknologi seperti kecerdasan buatan (AI), memerlukan negara bersedia daripada segi infrastruktur dan kapasiti bekalan.

"Permintaan terhadap elektrik bukan hanya datang daripada sektor perindustrian dan pengguna domestik, tetapi juga dari pusat data dan sistem berasas-

kan AI. Keperluan ini tidak boleh dipenuhi semata-mata oleh bekalan sedia ada.

"Kerajaan sudahpun merancang pembinaan terminal regasifikasi ketiga. Ini antara langkah awal untuk memastikan grid di Semenanjung dapat menampung permintaan yang terus meningkat," katanya pada sidang media sempena Persidangan Energy Asia 2025 di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Tengku Muhammad Taufik berkata, meskipun Malaysia masih mengekalkan kedudukan sebagai pengeksport gas asli cecair (LNG) dari Sabah dan Sarawak, permintaan tinggi di Semenanjung memerlukan pendekatan imbang semula bekalan tenaga.

"Kita menikmati kelebihan hasil gas dari kawasan luar pesisir pantai timur dan juga kawasan pembangunan bersa-

ma Thailand. Namun paras penghantaran harian sekitar dua bilion kaki padu gas akan mula tidak mencukupi dalam tempoh beberapa tahun akan datang," katanya.

Kesan krisis geopolitik

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata lonjakan harga minyak dunia daripada AS\$65 kepada AS\$75 dalam tempoh singkat selepas serangan peluru berpandu pertama di Asia Barat membuktikan betapa sensitifnya pasaran terhadap krisis geopolitik serantau.

"Dari segi persepsi, industri kelihatan tenang. Namun jika kita lihat dari dalam, ia seperti fenomena itik - nampak tenang di permukaan, tetapi sebenarnya sedang mengayuh laju di bawah air.

"(Malah) ramai pemimpin industri yang hadir ke persidangan

ini dilihat keluar hampir setiap jam bagi mengurus operasi dan pendedahan syarikat mereka di rantau Asia Barat.

"PETRONAS sendiri mempunyai operasi di Iraq dan menempatkan kakitangan kami di Abu Dhabi. Ini satu tanggungjawab besar yang ramai tidak sedari. Kita sering ambil mudah soal bekalan tenaga," katanya.

Beliau menambah, keberangtungan kepada ketersediaan bekalan tenaga yang stabil ketika krisis boleh mencetuskan kejutan jika tidak ditangani dengan pelaburan yang berterusan dalam infrastruktur dan sumber.

"Saya ingin tegaskan mesej yang turut ditekankan oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Saudi Aramco, Amin Nasser supaya jangan sesekali memperkecilkan kepentingan ketersediaan bekalan tenaga ketika krisis. Ini bukan soal harga semata-mata, tetapi soal kelangsungan sistem tenaga secara keseluruhan.

"Industri sering terperangkap dalam kitaran pelaburan yang tidak konsisten, apabila tenaga dilihat mencukupi, pelaburan dihentikan, dan apabila permintaan meningkat semula, barulah berlaku kejar-mengejar untuk memulihkan kapasiti.

"Ini sepatutnya menjadi satu pengajaran bahawa pelaburan dalam sektor tenaga perlu diteruskan secara berhemah dan berstrategi bagi memastikan daya tahan jangka panjang," katanya.

“Permintaan terhadap elektrik bukan hanya datang daripada sektor perindustrian dan pengguna domestik, tetapi juga dari pusat data dan sistem berasaskan AI. Keperluan ini tidak boleh dipenuhi semata-mata oleh bekalan sedia ada”



Tengku Muhammad Taufik Tengku Aziz,
Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif PETRONAS

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Sasar purata dividen antara 5.8 dan 5.9 peratus bagi tempoh 10 tahun ^{BH} 18/6

Kuala Lumpur: Meskipun impact ketidaktentuan luaran memberi kesan kepada portfolio pelaburannya tahun ini, Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) yakin masih dapat memberi dividen stabil kepada lebih 16 juta ahlinya.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya,

Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn, berkata KWSP menyasarkan purata dividen antara 5.8 dan 5.9 peratus bagi tempoh 10 tahun.

Beliau berkata, kadar dividen bergantung kepada naik turun pasaran saham global, selain ekonomi domestik dan global, termasuk prestasi bursa Malaysia

dan bon tempatan.

Bagaimanapun, KWSP lebih tertumpu kepada strategi pelaburan jangka panjang untuk ahlinya.

"Yang penting kepada ahli ialah kadar dividen KWSP ini kita tengok dalam jangka masa panjang. Jadi kalau kita kena tengok pres-

tasi 10 tahun yang lalu, 20 tahun yang lalu prestasi ini agak stabil lebih kurang 5.8 peratus ataupun 5.9 peratus dan kita jangka kalau kita tengok 10 tahun selepas ini lebih kurang paras itu juga yang kita sasar," katanya dalam satu wawancara eksklusif bersama TV3, di sini semalam.

Ahmad Zulqarnain berkata, tahun lalu, KWSP mencatatkan pulangan dividen mencecah 6.3 peratus bagi kedua-dua simpanan Konvensional dan Syariah.

Beliau berkata, meskipun mencatat dividen sama, dua bentuk simpanan itu memiliki portfolio dan memberi pulangan berbeza.

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Johan Mahmood

Pelaksanaan SST kurangkan kesan kepada rakyat berbanding GST

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Kuala Lumpur: Pelaksanaan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) akan mengurangkan kesan kepada rakyat biasa berbanding Cukai Barang dan Perkhidmatan (GST) yang dianggap terlalu mendadak.

Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan, Datuk Johan Mahmood berkata disebabkan itu pemilihan SST sangat bertepatan kerana pendekatan yang diambil lebih bersasar.

"Jumlah kutipan SST dianggarkan dua peratus daripada Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar (KDNK). Pada tahun lalu kita

mencatatkan kutipan SST kira-kira RM45 bilion.

"Bagaimanapun ketika GST dilaksanakan sebelum ini, jumlah kutipannya melebihi tiga peratus daripada KDNK atau lebih RM60 bilion.

"Misalnya kita laksanakan GST, secara tahunan kita mungkin mampu mengutip lebih RM20 bilion, tetapi apa yang kerajaan lakukan melalui peluasan SST ini sebenarnya kurang daripada separuh jumlah berkenaan iaitu sasaran kita mengutip sekitar RM10 bilion secara tahunan.

"Ini kerana kerajaan cuba mengambil pendekatan yang lebih

beransur-ansur, sekali gus dapat mencari keseimbangan antara keperluan untuk meningkatkan hasil negara dan pada masa yang sama boleh mengurangkan kesan kepada rakyat," katanya dalam podcast BFM89.9, semalam.

Terdahulu, Kementerian Kewangan memaklumkan peluasan skop SST akan dikuatkuasakan mulai 1 Julai ini memabitkan beberapa perkhidmatan profesional termasuk penyewaan ruang komersial.

Menurut kenyataan Kementerian Kewangan sebelum ini, peluasan SST adalah sebahagian daripada langkah penstrukturu-

ran semula fiskal negara dan menyasarkan sektor yang sebelum ini tidak dikenakan cukai, bagi memastikan keadilan sistem percukaian.

Mengulas lanjut, Johan berkata kerajaan melihat bahawa sistem percukaian yang dilaksanakan di negara ini perlu ditanggung oleh mereka yang lebih mampu.

"Disebabkan itu, secara reka bentuk, pelaksanaan SST membolehkan sebahagian beban cukai ditanggung di peringkat perniagaan dan bukannya dipindahkan sepenuhnya kepada pengguna. Itulah sebahagian daripada falsafahnya," katanya.

Ditanya sama ada rakyat perlu bersedia dengan peningkatan kos sara hidup sekali gus meningkatkan inflasi, Johan berkata kerajaan sudah mengambil kira hal itu dengan teliti.

"Kita sudah meneliti bakul pengguna atau indeks harga pengguna (CPI) bagi memastikan barangan tertentu dikenal pasti untuk kekal berada pada kadar sifar peratus.

"Atas sebab inilah, sesetengah penganalisis luar menganggarkan kesan terhadap inflasi sekitar 0.25 peratus, namun kita percaya bahawa kesan sebenarnya mungkin lebih rendah daripada itu," katanya.

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KWSP nilai semula asas sistem persaraan agar kekal relevan

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Reformasi beri tumpuan cara rakyat menyimpan dan urus pengeluaran

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Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP), Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn, berkata pendekatan lama dalam sistem perlindungan sosial tidak lagi sesuai dengan rea-

liti semasa yang lebih kompleks, justeru memerlukan langkah reformasi segera.

Beliau menegaskan, pembaharuan perlu menumpukan kepada cara rakyat menyimpan, mengurus pengeluaran simpanan persaraan serta mengekalkan gaya hidup ketika usia lanjut yang semakin panjang.

"Agenda reformasi KWSP bera-saskan usaha memodenkan penyelesaian persaraan dan memperluas liputan bagi mencerminkan pelbagai bentuk pekerjaan, peringkat kehidupan dan keperluan individu yang semakin pelbagai."

"Kami percaya pilihan kewangan yang dibuat hari ini akan menentukan kualiti hidup pada masa depan. Dengan alat dan ilmu yang betul, setiap individu boleh merancang masa depan mereka dengan lebih yakin," katanya ketika menyampaikan ucapan pembukaan di Persidangan Kesejahteraan Sosial Antarabangsa 2025 (ISWC 2025) bertemakan *Living to a Hundred: Are We Prepared?* di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.



Perlu pendekatan baharu

Katanya, realiti masa kini jauh berbeza dengan landskap pekerjaan semakin fleksibel, manakala teknologi mempercepatkan lagi kadar perubahan, sekali gus memerlukan pendekatan baharu yang lebih sesuai dengan cara hidup moden.

"Generasi pekerja hari ini mengalami pelbagai peralihan sepanjang hayat dengan menukar kerjaya, memperoleh kemahiran baharu dan sentiasa menyesuaikan diri untuk kekal relevan da-

lam dunia yang pantas berubah serta didorong oleh digitalisasi.

"Perubahan ini sebenarnya membuka peluang baharu. Dengan menerima realiti kehidupan semasa, Malaysia boleh melangkah ke arah sistem yang lebih inklusif, fleksibel dan sejajar dengan keperluan masa kini, di mana kebolehsuaian dan pembelajaran sepanjang hayat adalah sama pentingnya dengan pendapatan stabil dan simpanan jangka panjang," katanya ketika menyampaikan ucapan pada

Persidangan Kesejahteraan Sosial Antarabangsa 2025 (ISWC 2025) di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Ahmad Zulqarnain turut mendedahkan hampir 40 peratus tenaga kerja negara masih berada di luar sistem perlindungan persaraan formal, merangkumi pekerja gig, individu bekerja sendiri serta mereka yang terbabit dalam bentuk pekerjaan tidak konvensional.

Katanya, situasi itu bukan sekadar menunjukkan jurang dasar, malah turut membawa risiko sosial yang ketara.

"Menghadapi jangka hayat yang semakin panjang, peningkatan kos sara hidup dan perubahan pola pekerjaan, sistem persaraan negara perlu turut berubah. Masa depan persaraan dan kesejahteraan negara bergantung kepada tindakan yang kita ambil hari ini," tegasnya.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata, KWSP sebagai antara dana persaraan terbesar dunia komited untuk menilai semula asas sistem persaraan negara agar kekal relevan.

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UTeM terajui inisiatif TVET nasional AI dan keselamatan siber

UNIVERSITI Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) menggalas amanah menerajui dan menjayakan inisiatif terbaharu dalam bidang Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) Negara 2025 menerusi bidang kecerdasan buatan dan keselamatan siber.

Peluncuran inisiatif terbaharu TVET Negara 2025 dan peluncuran Fakulti Kecerdasan Buatan dan Keselamatan Siber (FAIX) UTeM disempurnakan oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menerusi majlis perasmian Hari TVET Negara 2025 yang diadakan di



MASSILA Kamalrudin (kanan) bersama-sama kenamaan termasuk Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim selepas majlis perasmian Hari TVET Negara 2025 di Melaka, baru-baru ini.

Pusat Dagangan Antarabangsa Melaka (MITC), baru-baru ini.

Naib Canselor UTeM, Profesor Datuk Dr. Massila

Kamalrudin berkata, UTeM sentiasa komited dan menzahirkan peranan besar dalam menjayakan aspirasi

TVET Negara menerusi FAIX.

Katanya, peranan UTeM bukan hanya tertumpu dalam menjayakan inisiatif terbaharu

TVET Negara dalam aspek akademik, penyelidikan dan inovasi dalam bidang kecerdasan buatan dan keselamatan siber semata-mata malahan lebih daripada itu.

"UTeM turut menjadi tunjang Malaysia dalam menyediakan tenaga kerja profesional mahir dalam bidang ini berasaskan teknologi melalui pendekatan TVET yang komprehensif dan adaptif.

"Penubuhan FAIX turut memperkukuh kepentingan AI Gunaan yang merentas pelbagai disiplin, termasuk kejuruteraan, perniagaan, automasi, dan sistem pintar, "ujarnya.

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40 peratus tiada perlindungan persaraan

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KUALA LUMPUR: Kira-kira 40 peratus daripada tenaga kerja Malaysia masih tidak mempunyai perlindungan persaraan formal.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP), Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn berkata, golongan tersebut merangkumi pekerja ekonomi gig seperti penghantar makanan, pemandu e-hailing, individu bekerja sendiri dan mereka dalam pekerjaan tidak

konvensional.

Katanya, fenomena ini menunjukkan jurang besar dalam sistem perlindungan sosial negara dan berpotensi menjadi risiko sosial yang serius jika tidak ditangani segera.

"Isu ini bukan sekadar kelemahan dasar. Ia adalah risiko sosial yang boleh beri kesan besar kepada struktur masyarakat jika tiada tindakan sewajarnya."

"Jika kita tidak bertindak

sekarang, kos akan melonjak mendadak apabila jangka hayat rakyat semakin meningkat," katanya ketika berucap dalam ISWC 2025 di sini semalam.

Ahmad Zulqarnain berkata, isu tersebut perlu ditangani segera kerana ia melibatkan masa depan sistem persaraan negara dan kesejahteraan jangka panjang rakyat Malaysia.

Menurutnya, sistem perlindungan sosial masih berpaksi-

kan model tradisional yang dibina ketika kebanyakan tenaga kerja mempunyai kerjaya tetap.

Namun kini, corak pekerjaan telah berubah secara drastik dan memerlukan pendekatan yang baharu.

"Kita tidak boleh lagi bergantung kepada sistem lama untuk menangani realiti ekonomi hari ini. Kita memerlukan pendekatan yang lebih inklusif dan fleksibel," katanya.

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Govt ramping up upskilling efforts, shifting economic model to boost wages

PUTRAJAYA: The government is intensifying efforts to restore dignity to Malaysian workers by pushing for fair wages, safer working conditions and greater access to upskilling.

Human Resources Minister Steven Sim said Malaysia must move away from the low-wage economic model and instead attract high-value industries that can offer better-paying jobs for Malaysian talent.

"We are in a race to catch up on lost time, lost opportunities and missed progress. And indeed, when I was appointed human resources minister, one of the things that kept me up at night was workers' wages.

"I want our workers to receive wages that truly reflect the value of their work. But I also recognise that wages are not determined

solely by the generosity of employers or the skills of workers," he said at the launch of the P10X Academy here.

Sim said while wages were often viewed as the responsibility of employers or tied to workers' competency, the deeper challenge lies in the country's overall economic structure.

"If the majority of our workers remain in traditional sectors, such as agriculture or low-skilled manufacturing, naturally, wages will remain low."

Sim also said Malaysia has been caught in the middle-income trap since the 1990s and must now transition towards high-value industries, such as semiconductors, consulting and advanced engineering, to break through.

To support this, he said, the

government was actively courting strategic investments from global tech giants, including Microsoft and Google, which could create high-quality jobs for Malaysians.

"These are not just local companies, they are defining how the world uses the Internet and mobile technology. Together with local firms and government support, they can lift us up the value chain."

Sim said this was aligned with the Madani Economy framework introduced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, which aims to "raise the ceiling" by increasing the value of economic output, and "raise the floor" by improving workers' wellbeing.

"We cannot allow companies to rake in millions while underpaying workers or ignoring mini-

mum wage laws. Workers must be properly compensated."

Sim said the ministry was focused on three strategic priorities: improving workers' welfare, upgrading skills and boosting productivity, which he referred to as the "3Ks" under the broader objective of "karamah insaniah" (human dignity).

"Our goal is for every worker to go to work with dignity, be fairly paid, and return home safely."

Among the initiatives introduced is the UP TVET portal, which centralises applications to more than 600 public and private TVET institutions. The portal has received over 140,000 applications to date.

Sim said the ministry had also reduced the certificate processing time for national skills accreditation from two months to

two weeks, with a target of just one day in the future.

To elevate the standing of technical education, he said the government was amending the National Skills Development Act to include Levels 6, 7, and 8, making TVET qualifications equivalent to those of a bachelor's, master's, and even PhD levels.

"We want to make it clear that TVET is not a second-class option. It is a viable and prestigious pathway to career success and national development."

Sim said skilled Malaysian workers were increasingly in demand, especially those with certified technical qualifications.

"This is why we are investing over RM10 billion this year in education and skills training. If we want high-value jobs, we must build high-value people."

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Malaysia rises 11 spots in World Competitiveness Ranking

KUALA LUMPUR: The government's reform initiatives are seeing results as Malaysia surged 11 spots to 23rd place in the World Competitiveness Ranking 2025 — its best ranking in five years.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the significant improvement reflected Malaysia's great strides through strong political will, efficient government machinery and close collaboration with the private sector.

"Encouraging performance in trade, administrative efficiency and the investment environment make a strong foundation for inclusive and sustainable economic progress," he said in a post on Facebook.

He said the achievement belonged to all Malaysians.

"This is one of the important foundations in our journey to be-

come part of the most competitive economies by 2033, for a brighter future for our children."

The World Competitiveness Ranking, published annually by the Institute for Management Development in Switzerland, is a comprehensive report that assesses countries on their ability to create and sustain a business-friendly environment that drives long-term prosperity.

Earlier, the Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry said the improved ranking reflected the strong momentum in Malaysia's economic recovery and reform efforts.

The ranking reaffirms the country's path towards becoming one of the world's top 12 most competitive economies by 2033, as outlined in the Madani Economy framework.

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Malaysia leaps 11 places to ^{SUN} 23rd in global competitiveness

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia has climbed 11 positions in the 2025 World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) list, securing 23rd spot out of 69 economies – its highest placement since 2020.

The WCR, released each year by the Institute for Management Development in Switzerland, evaluates countries based on their ability to foster a supportive business environment and drive sustainable economic growth.

Malaysia's advancement from 34th place last year highlights the country's robust economic recovery and ongoing reform initiatives, as noted by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI).

This progress supports Malaysia's goal of joining the world's top 12 most competitive economies by 2033, as set out in the Madani Economic Framework.

"This achievement is a clear indication that the Madani government's reform efforts are bearing fruit," Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said in response to the WCR report.

According to the WCR, Malaysia's enhanced global competitiveness is driven by strong economic performance, improved government efficiency, and more effective business operations.

The country now ranks fourth globally in economic performance – up four spots from last year – while government and business efficiency factors each improved by eight positions.

International trade has also seen significant progress, climbing 11 places to rank sixth, thanks to robust export growth, diversified markets and increased tourism receipts, which together have strengthened Malaysia's trade surplus.

At the strategic level, the National Competitiveness Committee, co-chaired by finance minister II, coordinates efforts across ministries to boost competitiveness.

At the same time, the Special Taskforce on Agency Reform, led by the chief secretary to the government, ensures the effective implementation of over 1,000 projects under the Public Service Reform Agenda.

Further, MITI emphasises that these bureaucracy-related reforms are closely linked to facilitating strong investment and industrial growth, both of which are essential for making Malaysia a more attractive investment destination.

The whole-of-government approach under the Madani Framework demonstrates its commitment to comprehensive structural reforms.

With an ongoing commitment from federal and state governments and close collaboration with the private sector, Malaysia is well-positioned to achieve its goal of becoming one of the world's 12 most competitive economies by 2033, MITI said.

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'Federal, state govts need to harmonise human rights laws'

PUTRAJAYA: The federal and state governments need to harmonise human rights laws to ensure the welfare of the people, particularly on issues concerning family, marriage and children's rights, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

He highlighted the legal dilemmas arising from Malaysia's dual legal system, where British-based laws coexist with Islamic laws focused on family matters.

"Our dilemma in Malaysia stems from the country's historical legal framework because many of our practices are rooted in British laws, alongside the introduction of Islamic laws that emphasise family.

"This has caused conflicts between the laws themselves. So this is what we have to resolve prudently, otherwise it will cause political polemics due to the background of the people (who are multi-racial)," he said at the closing ceremony of the "Muzakarah on human rights issues from the Maqasid Syariah perspective" here yesterday.

Also present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar and Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) chairman Datuk Seri Mohd Hishamudin Yunus.

Fadillah stressed that legal administrative coordination is crucial to address issues such as unregistered marriages conducted abroad, which affect the status and rights of children born from such unions, Bernama reported.

"If a marriage is not registered in Malaysia, it creates administrative problems. The child cannot be recognised as legitimate and cannot be registered with the National Registration Department.

"This not only affects the couple but also has serious implications for the child as they lose entitlements under national policies and laws."

He pointed out the need to resolve questions surrounding mixed marriages, especially regarding eligibility for Malay reserve land ownership and the status of children under state laws.

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