



Industry Appreciates Move To Decentralise the Interview Session for Foreign Worker Quota Application To State Level

Kuala Lumpur, August 2, 2022 – The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) appreciates the actions taken by the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) to speed up the process of foreign worker application, in particular the interview process by decentralising the process to the state labour offices with effect from August 1, 2022 which will ease the travelling and the congestion at the MOHR One Stop Centre (OSC) at Putrajaya.

We thank MOHR for taking heed of FMM's proposal during the Economic Action Council (EAC) meeting held on June 13, 2022 for the interview process to be decentralised to the state level to address the bottleneck in the interview process and ease the volume burden of interviews to be conducted at the MOHR OSC at Putrajaya which was delaying the application process for many employers. The industry hopes that with the decentralisation of the interview process, industries which have been on a long wait list for their interview or which have yet to obtain their interview appointment will be able to settle their interview process and obtain the interview result immediately or within 1-2 days upon the endorsement by OSC Putrajaya.

At the same time, FMM hopes that the Immigration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs would be able to provide alternate payment modes such as online payment options to speed up the levy payment process instead of requiring payments over the counter only, as the current requirement is delaying the process. Industries are also advised to play their part in speeding up the foreign worker levy payment as soon as they get their approval after the interview process to ensure that they are able to move on to the next step in the process.

We would also like to seek for the support and facilitation by the Immigration Department for the airport clearance of workers arriving to be expedited by having more counters opened and personnel on duty to handle the volume of workers arriving especially when companies charter an entire flight to bring in their workers or large number of workers are expected to arrive. It is understood that the process of clearance of workers involves several steps of thumb print scan, face scan and passport endorsement and can take many hours.

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