

## SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

# Perkeso to provide 55,000 jobs under JKIP

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**T**HE Social Security Organisation, or Socso (Perkeso) hopes to provide another 55,000 jobs for vulnerable groups under the Jamin Kerja-Insentif Pengajian (JKIP) initiative that has been extended to Dec 31.

Perkeso chief executive officer Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said the target was to support the initial goal of providing 300,000 jobs throughout this year.

“With the existing allocation of RM2 billion under the 2022 Budget for JKIP, a total of RM475 million will be allocated by Perkeso as an incentive for employers to create jobs and to hire 55,000 workers from vulnerable groups through the extension,”

he said yesterday.

The extension of the initiative would focus on hiring workers in vulnerable categories such as the disabled, women, those who had lost their jobs, those in the tourism sector, as well as former prison inmates, he added.

The requirements for application, incentive rates for employers, as well as mobility assistance for hired employees would remain as usual, he said.

On the Jamin Kerja Keluarga Malaysia Career Expo, Azman said the event had helped 1,712 jobseekers gain employment, while another 10,698 jobseekers had made it into the second stage of interviews.

“The career expo, which took place at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur for five days, was attended by almost 14,000 visitors and has been deemed a success.”