

Malaysian Employers Federation hopes foreign workers One Channel System to remain under HR Ministry



Foreign workers are seen at the KLCC vaccination centre to receive their Covid-19 jab July 29 2021 — Picture by Firdaus Latif

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 — The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has proposed that the recruitment and management of foreign workers including foreign domestic workers remain under the Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR) to ensure business efficacy.

The process of bringing in new foreign workers to Malaysia was revamped in April 2022 with MoHR spearheading the management of the One Channel System (OCS), it said.

“The MoHR is in better position to do all the required approvals instead of cross ministry involvement, which wastes too much time on bureaucracy and add costs.

“MEF believes that the MoHR being the custodian of labour working with employers and unions should be the one-stop ministry to manage the OCS ” president Datuk Syed Hussain Husman said in a statement

He said, under their tripartism principles, employers and employees as well as their trade unions have organised many meetings with the ministry to discuss labour policies and resolve human resources matters.

Hence, the MoHR officials from the Labour Department, Manpower Department, Skills Development Department, and the Department of Occupational Safety and Health are well aware of the situation on the ground,” he added. — Bernama