

# WORKERS DAY SPECIAL

## MESSAGE FROM THE MALAYSIAN EMPLOYERS FEDERATION



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THE Malaysian Employers Federation, concerned with the current economic situation, is actively engaging with the government to help companies manage their businesses effectively and to minimise the effects of the slowdown on employees.

The MEF is of the view that retrenchment should only be exercised as a last resort.

MEF encourages employers to take advantage of the slowdown by training and retraining employees to equip them with skills that will help shift the

economy from a labour intensive to a value-added one, and consequently help Malaysia wean off its dependence on foreign workers.

In promoting and maintaining industrial harmony, MEF has also kept all communication channels open by embracing dialogue with its tripartite partners.

It is in this spirit of solidarity that I extend my sincerest best wishes to all Malaysians on this auspicious Workers Day 2009.