

# MEF hopes foreign workers OCS to remain under HR Ministry

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

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

"The ministry 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 being the custodian of labour working with employers and unions, it should be the one-stop ministry to manage the OCS," president Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed 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 ministry 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