

# Pilot project to certify skilled workers

**PETALING JAYA:** The government has allocated RM3 million for a pilot project by the Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) to certify the skills of experienced workers.

MEF executive director Shamsuddin Bardan said about 7,000 workers would be certified from

the middle of next month until year end.

The government was keen to see Malaysian workers increase their productivity as it would enhance the country's competitiveness in the world market, he said, adding that the productivity in a neighbour-

ing country was almost 3.8 times higher than that in Malaysia.

"With a proper accreditation programme we will also be able to reach the target," he said.

Shamsuddin said the MEF and the Malaysian Trades Union Congress had been asking for an

accreditation plan from the government for years and the allocation was announced under the second economic stimulus package early this year. Under the plan, the workers need not sit for any tests, but would be certified based on their job performance. – Bernama