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10,000 OPPORTUNITIES

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Nearly 800 job seekers have secured employment during the MYFutureJobs Premium Career Carnival 2026, as they seek higher-paying roles to mitigate the rising cost of living.

The two-day event, held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre ahead of Labour Day, saw 799 individuals land jobs with companies like KPJ Healthcare, APPAR Technologies, UOS Group and Habib Group.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri R. Ramanan said 10,000 opportunities with salaries ranging from RM3,000 to RM15,000 were offered during the carnival.

The event, organised as part of the lead-up to the May 1 Labour Day celebration, was designed to connect local talent with high-income roles through job matching and live interviews.

For Wan Iman Nur Hakim, 30, eight years as a radiotherapist in the public sector provided stability, but he said that alone was no longer sufficient.

Accompanied by his wife, Shera Nabela Anak Sibat, 32, a public

healthcare nurse, the couple said the rising cost of living spurred their visit to the carnival, organised by the Social Security Organisation (Perkeso).

"The cost of living is definitely a factor. You look at the options available to see if you can get a higher salary."

"Beyond that, I want career growth after eight years in the same role," Iman said.

Shera added that while her government role was stable, she

wanted to step out of her comfort zone and try something new.

The sentiment was shared by Muhammad Aidil Abdullah Zawawi, 27, an engineer who attended the carnival to scout for a lateral move.

"Annual increments can be small, but a career jump can increase your salary by 10 per cent."

"Living in Kuala Lumpur, a salary below RM3,000 is really not enough," he said.



Muhammad Aidil Abdullah Zawawi



Muhammad Eiqmal Hazeq Zulkipli



Visitors at the MYFutureJobs Premium Career Carnival organised by the Social Security Organisation (Perkeso) at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre over the weekend. PIC COURTESY OF PERKESO

He noted that Tenaga Nasional Bhd offered fresh graduates starting salaries of between RM4,000 and RM5,000.

His friend, Muhammad Eiqmal Hazeq Zulkipli, 26, an engineering graduate currently in sales, said salary was his primary consideration.

"Right now, everything has gone up in price, so we want to improve our standard of living."

"That's why we need to make a jump," he said.

Uniqlo Malaysia's retail opening salary of around RM3,000 had caught his attention, as well as a sales role at Media Prima Bhd (MPB).

Last year's edition drew more

than 10,000 visitors, including 6,311 jobseekers, with 2,384 successfully securing employment and an overall positive impact rate of 52 per cent.

Those who missed the carnival can attend the Labour Day celebrations at Unifi Arena Bukit Jalil on May 1 or the Lindung Career Carnival in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, on May 9.