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PEMULIH - THE PEOPLE'S PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE

Reference is made to the [ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER](#) on 28 June 2021.

Below are the highlights (industry related) of the [People's Protection and Economic Recovery Package or PEMULIH](#) valued at RM150 billion, including the Government's direct fiscal injection of RM10 billion:

A. SUPPORTING BUSINESSES**1. TRAINING FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS AND GRADUATES**

RM125 million is allocated through HRD Corp to implement the Place and Train initiative under the JanaPreneur Programme for school leavers and graduates. This initiative is expected to provide opportunities for 30,000 people to undergo skills training programmes with job placement to meet the employment needs.

2. WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAMME 4.0

- i. Under the Wage Subsidy Programme 4.0 (WSP 4.0) the Government will accommodate up to 500 employees per employer at a rate of RM600 per employee for a period of four months, that is, two months for all sectors in the second phase of the National Recovery Plan (NRP), and the subsequent two months specifically for sectors categorised in the negative list during the third phase of the NRP.
- ii. There will be no salary limit. Employers can apply for the WSP 4.0 for their employees who even earn more than RM4,000.

3. EXEMPTION ON HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (HRD) LEVY CONTRIBUTION

HRD Corp levy exemption for a period of two months will be given automatically to employers who are not allowed to operate during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Employers from the new sectors who have recently registered - as a result of the extension of the Human Resources Corporation Berhad Act 2001 coverage - will be given an extension of levy exemption until 31 December 2021.

4. CAREERGENERATOR 3.0

Under the National Employment Council (NEC), the Government will create employment opportunities and skills training placements through strategic collaboration between Government agencies and industry players.

- i. CareerGenerator 3.0 will be extended upon its expiry in June 2021.
- ii. Reduction of salary eligibility limit from RM1,500 to RM1,200 to give more incentives to employers to replace foreign workers with local workers.
- iii. Employment contract period for employees aged 50 and above, the disabled and ex-prisoners will be relaxed from 12 months to six months.

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5. **SMALL ENTREPRENEUR DIGITISATION EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME OR PUPUK**
RM100 million to enable Small Medium Entrepreneurs (SME) obtain matching grants of up to RM5,000 for the purchase of systems or digital platform subscriptions.
6. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SMES**
The Government is offering moratorium to assist SMEs in managing their cash flows during this challenging period.
 - i. A six-month moratorium will be offered to affected SMEs subject to review and approval by the bank.
 - ii. Applications will open on 7 July 2021.

B. EXPEDITE VACCINATION PROCESS

To expedite the Programme Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) implementation schedule, a total of RM400 million is allocated to increase the country's vaccine supply. The total supply of vaccines ordered by the Government is enough to cover 130 percent of the population compared to 120 percent previously.

The Government has opened a total of 341 Vaccination Centers/Pusat Pemberian Vaksin (PPV) nationwide comprising 320 public PPVs, 13 mega PPVs and eight Higher Educational Institutions - IPT PPVs. To increase the daily vaccination rate, the Government has agreed to open 29 new PPVs, upgraded existing PPVs, implement drive-through PPVs, Mobile PPVs and Home-to-home Outreach programmes.

- i. MITI has coordinated the COVID-19 Public-Private Partnership Industrial Immunisation Programme or PIKAS as an incentive to companies and industries to use their premises as Vaccination Centres (PPVs) and conduct immunization programmes for employees.
- ii. The Government will provide the supply of vaccines, while the company or factory will facilitate the related logistics.
- iii. Employers registered under the HRD Corp, can utilise the remaining levy of up to 10% for the cost of management and purchase of Covid-19 vaccines.
- iv. Expenses covering the cost of equipment and services for PPV provision by employers are eligible for a tax deduction.
- v. Tax deductions to cover contributions to PPVs.
- vi. The Government will consideration to allow companies to operate at full capacity if all employees have completed two doses of vaccine.

Thank you.

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