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DOMESTIC HELP:
Plans to be finalised by end of August after the signing of MoU, says Riot

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THE government plans to bring in maids from Nepal, Human Resource Minister Datuk Seri Richard Riot said yesterday.

The plans are being discussed by the authorities and will be finalised by the end of August, after the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Nepal.

Riot said that during his visit to Nepal, the country's ministry in charge of human resources had expressed interest in sending people to Malaysia as domestic help.

While maids from Indonesia, Philippines, India, Sri Lanka and Cambodia are employed in Malaysia, Nepalese maids are still a rarity.

On Indonesian maids, Riot said the ministry had left the recruitment of Indonesian maids to the Malaysian Association of Foreign Maid Agencies (Papa) and Malaysian Maid Employers Association (Mama).

He said the two non-governmental organisations would become middlemen between the government and the Indonesian equivalent to Mama and Papa, Asosiasi Perusahaan Jasa Tenaga Kerja Indonesia and recruitment agencies.

"The government will monitor the situation and will not be involved directly. The costing will be decided collectively by Mama and Papa, or by the recruitment agencies," Riot said after launching Human Resource Development Berhad's 13th annual general meeting and its PSMB Act guide book here.

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