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MARGMA

# **Imigresen tidak** perlu lantik MyEG

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#### **KUALA LUMPUR 20 JAN.**

ABATAN Imigresen tidak sepatutnya melantik My E.G Ser-vices Berhad (MyEG) untuk melaksanakan proses pembaha-ruan permit pekerja asing sebalik-nya agensi di bawah Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) itu harus memantapkan perkhidmatan kaunter sedia ada.

Persatuan Pengeluar Tangan Getah Malaysia (Margma) menerusi satu kenyataan berkata, kaedah itu dapat mewujudkan persaingan sihat antara Jabatan Imigresen dan MyEG supaya saling menawarkan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada majikan untuk memperbaharui pas lawatan kerja sementara (PLKS) pekerja asing masing-ma-

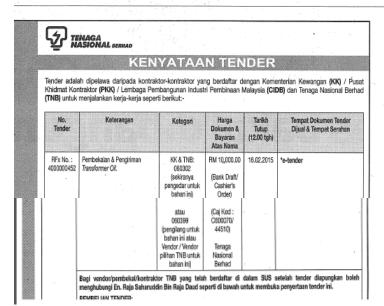
sing. Katanya, persaingan itu secara tidak langsung akan menggalakkan MyEG menurunkan kadar bayaran perkhidmatan mereka dan memberi pilihan kepada majikan sama ada mahu menggunakan perkhid-

matan kerajaan atau swasta. "KDN perlu menyedari bayaran proses pendaftaran PLKS baharu dinaikkan daripada RM50 kepada RM125 selepas disemak pada 1 April tahun lalu dan belum cukup setahun dijalankan, kaedah baharu pula dilaksanakan.

"Bagi Margma, Jabatan Imi-gresen sepatutnya menggunakan RM125 yang diterima daripada majikan pekerja asing itu sebagai bayaran kepada MyEG bagi menguruskan sistem *online* (dalam talian) dan perkhidmatan lain," kata kenyataan itu di sini hari ini.

KDN telah melaksanakan proses pembaharuan permit pekerja asing secara dalam talian di Semenanjung Malaysia secara berperingkatperingkat bermula 24 Disember 2012 dan berkuatkuasa sepenuhnya

pada 5 Januari lalu. Tambah kenyataan tersebut Margma menyokong usaha kerajaar meningkatkan tahap kecekapar dan produktiviti setiap agensi d bawah KDN dengan menggunakai perkhidmatan secara dalam talian bagaimanapun perubahan itu tidal sepatutnya membebankan majikar pekerja asing dengan kos tambahar yang perlu dibayar kepada syarika



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dan angka ini meningkat sebanyak sejuta orang selepas penguatkuasaan pada Janu-

ari 2014. "Sebelum 2013, hanya 1.8 juta warga asing yang berkerja di negara ini membabitkan pekerjaan sebagai keselamatan, buruh dan pelayan di premis makanan

Katanya, usaha menarik keupayaan penduduk tem patan bekerja di sektor yang dahulunya tidak diminati seperti bahagian keselamatan, perladangan dan pertanian hanya menunjukkan kesan minimum.

'Sebenarnya, mereka tidak berminat bukan kerana

Penetapan gaji minimum bagi sektor swasta diumumkan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Najib Razak pada 30 April 2012 dan diwartakan 16 Julai tahun sama pada kadar RM900 di Semenanjung, manakala di Sabah, Sarawak dan Labuan adalah RM800

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## Employers cautious of plan to review workers' levy

**PETALING JAYA:** The planned review of the foreign workers levy is being met with caution by employer interest groups as it they are unsure if it would be increased or decreased.

MECA Employers Consulting Agency director Dharmen Sivalingam said an increase would mean higher costs for consumers, especially given that employers normally end up paying for their staffs' levies.

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"And as Malaysian employers do significantly rely on foreign workers, this may be too burdensome.

"With the impending GST (Goods and Services Tax) and rising costs, to go down this route (of increasing levy) at this point might lead to a backlash from consumers," he said.

The levy was supposed to have been paid by foreign workers but employers normally absorb it as part of the costs of doing business.

Dharmen added that restrictions by the Labour Department also limited how much bosses could recover from their workers.

For example, even bosses who provide accommodation for their workers could only deduct a "fixed amount" from their foreign workers.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri, Najib Tun Razak announced a review of the levy on foreign workers during the budget review yesterday – without specifying the direction of the revision.

Malaysian Employers Federation director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan said the levy would help the Government to partly recoup remittances by foreign workers.

He added that officially, foreign workers remitted about RM30bil each year, though he claimed the actual figure could be high as RM50bil.

"Not all remittances are via official channels, and the levy was necessary for the Government to gain revenue," he said.

Shamsuddin added that the levy worked so as long as foreign workers, and not their employers, pay it.