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KUALA LUMPUR: Foreign workers will soon be allowed to run for union leadership positions.

They will be better protected under the changes to be made to existing laws in line with Malaysia's commitment to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement.

A side letter of the Malaysia-United States Labour Consistency Plan said the Trade Union Act 1959 (Act 262) and the Passport Act 1966 (Act 150) would be amended to create and reinforce rights and obligations concerning labour law and practice.

"Malaysia will amend the relevant sections of Act 262, to allow non-citizens to run for election to union office if they have been legally working in Malaysia for at least three years," the letter said.

Employers will have to inform them of their right to retain and access their passports at any time.