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AKHBAR: MALAYSIA KINI

RM140,000 Cash Incentive For WSC 2017 Gold Medal Winners



Pic: NST Online

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will provide an additional cash incentive of RM100,000 to any Malaysian participant who wins a gold medal in the World Skills Competition 2017 this October, bringing the total amount to RM140,000.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi when announcing this today, said the additional incentive was aimed as a motivation for the participants to excel in the prestigious biennial competition, also known as the Skills Olympics.

This is my promise. Any participant who wins gold (in the competition) will receive a top-up of RM100,000 from the government. Even if one gets five (gold medals), better still, as the government is prepared to sponsor the award, Ahmad Zahid said when launching the Road to Abu Dhabi 2017 Gold programme, here. The existing government incentive to a gold medallist in the WSC is RM40,000. - *Bernama*

AKHBAR: MALAY MAIL

PUTRAJAYA DANGLES RM 100K CARROT FOR WORLDSKILLS GOLD



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (right) during the launch of 'Road to World Skills Abu Dhabi 2017 Gold' event at the Putra World Trade Center, Kuala Lumpur, April 17, 2017. — Bernama pic

KUALA LUMPUR — The federal government will award RM100,000 to individual gold medallists at the WorldSkills Championship (WSC), Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi announced today. The government currently offers cash rewards of RM40,000 for gold medal winners, RM20,000 for silver medallists, RM10,000 for bronze, RM4,000 for the Medallion of Excellence recipients and RM4,000 for the Best of Nation award recipients.

“Whoever who represents Malaysia in this WSC and bags gold, the government will top up (the prize) with an award of RM100,000 cash,” he said when launching the Road to WSC Abu Dhabi 2017 Gold event here. Zahid said the increased reward is aimed at further motivating Malaysian participants and their trainers. The WSC is a bi-annual multi-skills international competition. ASEAN participants must qualify for the event via the Asean Skills Competition (ASC).

There are 54 skills competition in the championship, ranging from automobile technology, beauty therapy, cooking, cabinet making, electronics, mechatronics, information technology network systems administration, and more. In the 2015 WSC held in Brazil, Malaysia collected one bronze medal for the hairdressing category. “Therefore the government has targeted that Malaysia bag at least five medals, including one gold in WSC 2017,” Zahid said today.

Malaysia will have 21 participants in this year’s edition. The selected entrants are students from the Public and Private Skills Training Institute as well as private and public universities. Malaysia emerged the overall winner at the ASC 2016, bagging 24 gold medals, four silvers, five bronze and six medallion for excellence. The 2017 WSC will be held in Abu Dhabi from October 14 till October 19. Of the 51 skills categories, Malaysian participants will compete in 20.

RM100k incentive for winning gold medal at World Skills Competition: Zahid



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, present a certificate to Muhammad Ifthiqad Mohd Issam (4thL), who will represent Malaysia in the World Skills Competition (WSC). — Bernama

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will provide a RM100,000 incentive to all gold medallists at the upcoming World Skills Competition (WSC), Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said. He said the incentive was a form of motivation from the government to boost the spirit of Malaysian delegates to bring the country its first gold medal at the competition. "This is my promise. Any participant representing Malaysia in the WSC who brings back a gold medal, the government will provide an additional cash amount of RM100,000.

"It will be better if we get two medals. Even if we won five gold medals, the government is willing to provide the incentive," he said in his speech during the opening ceremony of the 'Road to WSC 2017 Abu Dhabi Gold' at Putra World Trade Centre here today. The 44th edition of the biennial WSC will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from Oct 14-19, which will see Malaysian participants competing in 20 skills areas such as automobile technology and bricklaying.

Malaysia had not been able to win any gold medal since its participation in the competition, where its best performance was during the 2015 WSC in Sao Paulo, Brazil, gaining one bronze medal. Meanwhile, Ahmad Zahid also highlighted the capability of Malaysia to produce its own skilled workers without relying heavily on foreign workforce.

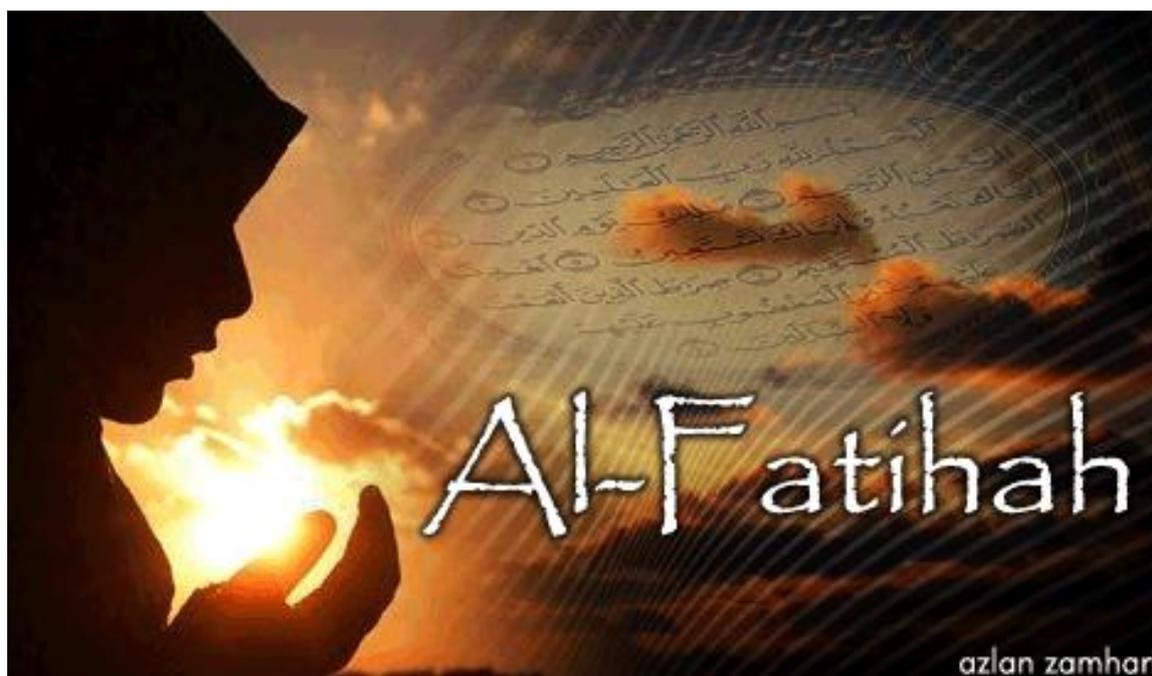
He added he had suggested to the cabinet to give priority to local-bred skilled workers to be involved in mega projects in the country. He said if such measures could not be done, Malaysia would be at the losing end as there would be no transfer of knowledge to local talents. "We need to be more serious and such efforts must be made by all parties as we do not want to rely on foreign skilled workers. We want to give more chances to locals," he said. "We want to have skilled workers among locals especially if we want to emerge in the international stage," he added.

ISU: KEMALANGAN DI TEMPAT KERJA

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AKHBAR: MALAYSIA KINI

Two cleaners die after falling into manhole in front of Ipoh mall



"My son told me that he needed the cleaning job to earn extra money for his two daughters," said the mother of Mohamad Nur Syafiq Mohamad Naser, 27, one of the victims who died when he slipped and fell into a manhole in front of Angsana Mall early Monday. Rosenah Sulaiman, 59, said Nur Syafiq, the youngest of three siblings, was doing the cleaning job for a private company on a part-time basis as he was also employed at a furniture shop at Pokok Assam, Taiping.

She said the victim had been living with her at Trong, Taiping ever since he separated from his wife one and a half years ago. "His wife is taking care of both children, aged six and four. Until now I have

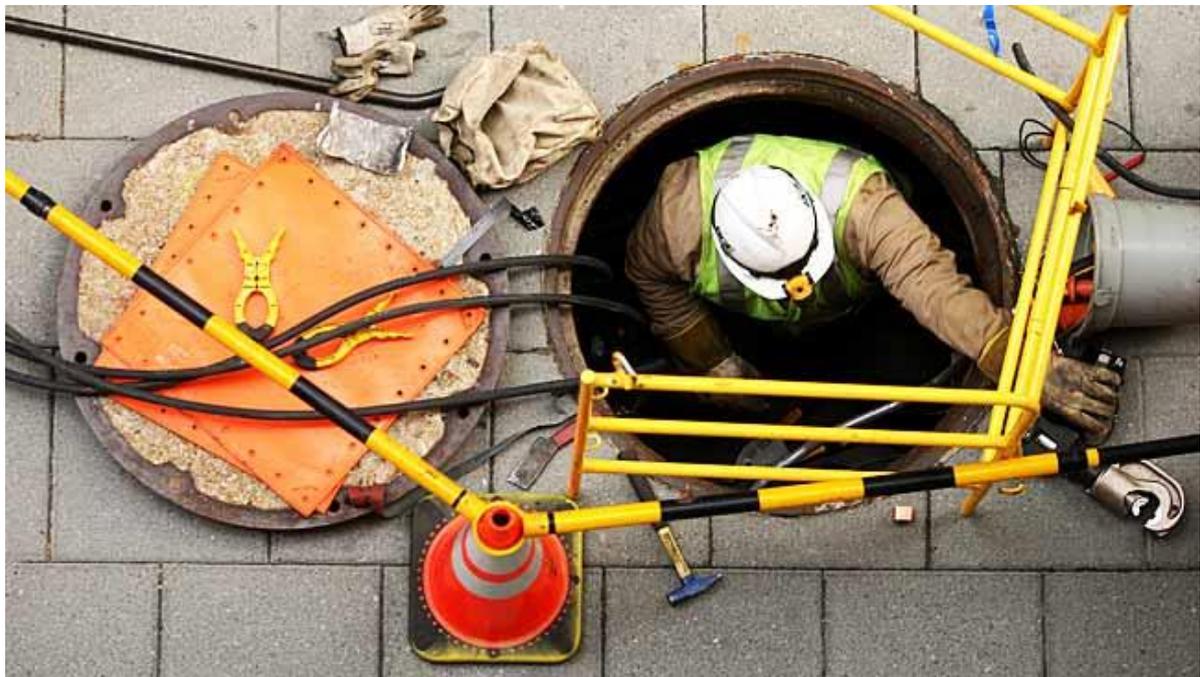
not been able to contact them," she told reporters when met at the Forensic Department of Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital (HRPB) in Ipoh today. "Nur Syafiq was a dependable, helpful son who does not like to trouble others and he would often take me out. Among my children he was the closest to me." I last saw him at 9.30pm last night. He complained he was tired but had to report for work as there was a shortage of staff," she said while adding her son's remains would be buried at the Trong Muslim Cemetery in Taiping.

Meanwhile, attempts by reporters to interview the second victim's wife, Siti Mariam Sukri, 38, who was present at the HRPB Forensic Department failed, as she was too distraught over the loss of her husband, Mohamad Ilaala Che Aziz, 27, from Kelantan. Early this morning, Ipoh Fire and Rescue Station chief P. Samasuvam said two cleaners of a private company died after they slipped and fell into a manhole in front of Angsana Mall Shopping Centre in Ipoh during a cleaning process. Earlier reports said both victims had also inhaled poisonous gas from the manhole. - *Bernama*

AKHBAR: FREE MALAYSIA TODAY

Tragic end for two workers after fall down manhole

Two men aged 27 die during maintenance works down a manhole in front of a shopping mall in Ipoh.



PETALING JAYA: It was a tragic end for two maintenance workers in Ipoh, when they died after falling inside a manhole in front of a shopping mall early this morning, Berita Harian reported. In the incident, which occurred at 1.30am, the two men were believed to have fallen down the manhole as they were climbing down the stairs.

According to the Bahasa Malaysia daily, the two men were aged 27, but their nationality has not been revealed as yet. A fire and rescue department spokesman said they received an emergency call at 1.34am and a team of rescuers were promptly sent to the scene. After entering the manhole, the spokesman said fire and rescue personnel found the two men unconscious, adding that the two deceased were also found to be not wearing any gas mask. He added that the two men were pulled out of the manhole with the rope that was already tied around them. The men were confirmed dead by the medical team but the exact cause of death will be left for the police to determine, the spokesman told Berita Harian.

Two die after inhaling sewer gas

IPOH: Two men carrying out maintenance work in a manhole in front of a mall here were overcome by sewer gas, causing them to suffocate. Mohamad Nur Syafiq Mohamad Naser, and Mohamad Ilaala Che Aziz, both 27, were pronounced dead by the medical team after their bodies were brought out from the 4m-deep sewerage shaft by the Fire and Rescue Department yesterday.

The duo were employees of a private company contracted to repair the infrastructure. Ipoh Fire and Rescue Department chief P. Samasuvam said the department received a distress call at 1.34am. He said both victims were among four workers who were at work that day. After completing their task, Mohamad Nur Syafiq went down the sewer again as a piece of equipment was left behind. "While he was descending the ladder, he started having breathing difficulties, and fell into the hole.



Tears of anguish: Family members weeping as they wait for the bodies of (from left, inset) Mohamad Ilaala and Mohamad Nur Syafiq at Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun. — Bernama

"His friend Mohamad Ilaala then went inside to save him, but he fell too. Both of them were not wearing any oxygen masks when found. "We retrieved Mohamad Ilaala's body at 2.35am, while his friend's body was retrieved five minutes later," he added. At the mortuary, Mohamad Nur Syafiq's mother, Rosenah Sulaiman, 59, said her divorced son has two daughters.

Rosenah said the deceased was the youngest of three siblings, and he was working part time cleaning sewers to earn extra money for his children, aged four and six, respectively.

"He stays with me in Trong, and works at a furniture shop in Taiping. "I depended on him the most, and now he is gone," she added.

Mohamad Ilaala's wife Siti Mariam Sukri, who has been operating a catering business with her husband, was too distraught to speak. Mohamad Nur Syafiq was buried at the Trong Muslim cemetery, while Mohamad Ilaala's body was brought back to his hometown in Tanah Merah, Kelantan.