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DOMESTIC WORKERS' WELFARE

MINISTRY IN THE DARK OVER MAID DEAL

Riot says he was not informed about MoU between Papa and Cambodian govt

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THE Human Resources Ministry is in the dark over an agreement signed by the Malaysian Association of Foreign Maid Agencies (Papa) and the Cambodian government, which aims to better protect domestic workers from the source country.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Richard Riot Jaem, said the ministry was not informed about the agreement, and he came to know about it only from media reports.

"I will meet my officers, including the secretary-general and those from our policy division, before we come out with a statement on this.

"What was reported in newspapers (about this issue) was without my knowledge and neither has anyone from the ministry been informed about it. We are having a meeting (to discuss the issue) tomorrow (today)," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Riot said this when asked to comment on reports that an eight-point agreement on protection and welfare of migrant domestic workers had been signed between Papa and Phnom Penh on Nov 29.

The agreement included the need for maids to be given smartphones, bank accounts and counselling.

However, reports of the agreement have come as a surprise to labour rights groups in both countries, who claimed that they were not informed of the deal.

When asked to comment on the memorandum of understanding, Papa president Jeffrey Foo Chok Ti said the agreement was a business deal between Papa and the Cambodian government.

He said the agreement was the association's social responsibility in ensuring that domestic workers from the source country, who would be hired in this country, would have their interests safeguarded.

"The appointment is from the Cambodian government. It is not a government-to-government (agreement). We are taking the responsibility to make sure those whom we bring in would be taken care of.

"By right, we don't need the ministry's permission because we are only doing social work for the maids. We are not asking for permission, like costing. We are filling in the gap (to give protection to the workers) to make sure the people are not exploited."

He added that Papa was not trying to bypass rules and regulations.

Foo said it would have to apply for the ministry's approval, permits and to follow labour laws.

Papa, he added, would soon meet with the Human Ministry's Skill Development Department to explain the agreement.

He said the ministry officials had been invited to the signing ceremony, but no one turned up.

Following the Cambodian government's appointment, Foo said Papa would have to identify employment agencies that would be willing and able to undertake the responsibilities to not only provide jobs, but also ensure domestic workers' welfare.

"We don't want people who charge employers (exorbitantly) and do not take care of maids after that."

Foo said the cost of hiring the Cambodian workers and their salary had yet to be finalised.

Papa, he said, would provide each worker with a free smartphone, monitor their salary payments and ensure that employment agencies sign contracts underlining the duties and responsibilities of maids.



Datuk Seri Richard Riot Jaem

ISU : PENDIDIKAN DAN LATIHAN TEKNIKAL VOKASIONAL (TVET)

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SEREMBAN 4 Dis. - Kira-kira 300 daripada 1,117 sekolah tahfiz al-Quran di seluruh negara telah memperkenalkan Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) untuk para pelajar mereka sebagai program tambah nilai kepada pendidikan keagamaan di institusi berkenaan.

Presiden Persatuan Madrasah Tahfiz Al-Quran Malaysia (Permata), Manolito Mohd. Dahlan berkata, usaha itu bertujuan membolehkan para pelajar tahfiz menimba ilmu pengetahuan tambahan yang diharapkan dapat membantu mereka selepas tamat pembelajaran kelak.

Beliau berkata, antara bidang TVET yang diperkenalkan adalah pengeluaran produk minuman, katering, pastri, jahitan dan membaiki motosikal.

“Malah kita sudah ada sekolah tahfiz seperti Maahad Tahfiz Vokasional Aman Bistari di Selangor yang terlibat dalam perniagaan katering dan pastri serta Madrasah Tahfiz Al-Kayyis di Pulau Pinang yang mengeluarkan produk air mineral.

“Ada juga seorang pelajar tahfiz yang tamat pengajian dan mempunyai simpanan sebanyak RM50,000 hasil daripada kemahi-

ran TVET yang digunakan untuk menjalankan perniagaan,” katanya kepada para pemberita selepas majlis perasmian Persidangan Antarabangsa Pendidikan Islam Sepanjang Hayat (ICLLIE) 2017 di Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Nilai dekat sini hari ini.

Majlis perasmian itu telah disempurnakan oleh Menteri Pendidikan Tinggi, Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

Manolito memberitahu, pengenalan TVET untuk sekolah tahfiz itu mendapat kerjasama daripada beberapa pihak seperti kolej komuniti yang menghantar para

pensyarah mereka untuk mengajar pelajar tahfiz pada hujung minggu.

“Kami berharap dapat melahirkan lepasan tahfiz yang juga mahir dalam bidang lain untuk memberi sumbangan kepada masyarakat,” ujarnya.

Beliau menarik perhatian, transformasi sekolah tahfiz di negara ini yang dahulunya hanya tertumpu kepada pendidikan menghafaz al-Quran adalah hasil daripada usaha kerajaan melalui rancangan menyeluruh dalam Pelan Pembangunan Pendidikan Malaysia 2015-2025.