

Malaysia experiences boom in non-exec labour market post-pandemic

THERE is an increasing trend in the non-executive labour market following the full reopening of economy in April this year, according to FastJobs Malaysia.

Vacancies that have increased in the job-hunting platform are areas in sales, retail and marketing; hospitality and food and beverage (F&B); and administrative and clerical where the latest data revealed that job postings grew 106.6% in May 2022 compared to the same period last year.

The hospitality and F&B vacancies have increased the most (205.3%) followed by administrative and clerical (84.5%) and sales, retail and marketing (64.4%) since the same period last year.

A report from the **Department of Statistics Malaysia** has indicated that the number of employed people rose by 0.5% (84,100 people) from one month to the next while the month of April has observed 15.85 million employed, compared to 15.77 million in March 2022.

FastJobs GM Joelle Pang said even small and medium enterprises are adapting to an endemic workplace that used to be different pre-Covid days.

“The Covid-19 has profoundly affected how people hire and find jobs in the non-executive sector. In the past, job seekers would travel to an employer’s location for an interview or mass recruitment event.

“Today, job seekers can apply online. Mobile recruiting is also popular among employers, as it allows them to reach out to more job seekers while reducing costs,” she said in a statement.

To date, FastJobs has over 1.5 million local job seekers registered and over 20,000 Malaysian brands on its digital platforms and it will continue to collaborate with industry leaders in key economic sectors.

At the same time, the platform is coming up with new innovations such as e-FastRecruit, which assists employers with their mass virtual hiring efforts within a short period, and FastGig, which allows gig workers to choose jobs that fit their schedules and skills based on their preferred locations, companies, or scopes of work.

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