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*PUTRAJAYA, 14 August 2023 – The number of jobs during the second quarter of 2023 increased by 2.4 per cent to record of 8.83 million jobs, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today. These statistics are published in the report of **EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, SECOND QUARTER OF 2023** based on the Employment Survey conducted on registered businesses in the private sector. The report presents the labour demand statistics, encompassing of jobs, filled jobs, vacancies and jobs created indicators by skills category and economic activity.*

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The positive trajectory of Malaysia's labour market persisted into the second quarter of 2023, witnessing a further rise in labour demand. With an additional of 208.1 thousand jobs in the economic sector, the total employment reached 8.83 million, surpassing the previous year's figure of 8.62 million during the same period (Q2 2022).

Following to this, an upward trend in the number of filled jobs was observed with an increase of 2.5 per cent to record 8.64 million jobs (Q2 2023). However, the number of job vacancies experienced negative growth, declined by 0.9 per cent registering 189.6 thousand vacancies (Q2 2022: 191.3 thousand). During this period, the rate of filled jobs and job vacancies were at 97.9 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively, reflecting a balanced and competitive labour market."

Analysing the filled jobs scenario in the second quarter of 2023, the Chief Statistician reported that all economic sectors demonstrated a year-on-year positive growth. The Mining & Quarrying sector led the way with the highest growth rate of 3.6 per cent, followed by Manufacturing (3.1%) and Agriculture (3.0%). Regarding jobs distribution by economic activity, the Services sector emerged as the largest contributor of filled jobs accounting for a total of 4.55 million jobs, constituting 52.7 per cent of the total filled jobs. The Manufacturing sector followed suit, with 2.32 million filled jobs, making up 26.9 per cent and Construction ranked third (14.3%; 1.24 million). By skills category, most filled jobs were in the semi-skilled category, registering 5.40 million

jobs, equivalent to 62.5 per cent, followed by the skilled (25.0%; 2.16 million) and the low-skilled (12.5%; 1.08 million).

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted, "The total number of job vacancies in the economic sector during this quarter was 189.6 thousand, showing a downward trend with a decrease of 1.7 thousand (Q2 2022: 191.3 thousand). More than half of the job vacancies were in the Manufacturing sector with 108.0 thousand job vacancies (56.9%). With this note, the sub-sector of Electrical, electronic, and optical products (34.2 thousand) and Petroleum, chemical, rubber, and plastic products (19.6 thousand) posted significant job openings. Ranked second was the Agriculture sector accounted for 30.7 thousand job vacancies, representing 16.3 per cent of the total vacancies. Meanwhile the Services sector registered 26.8 thousand job vacancies, made up 14.1 per cent primarily in the Finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sub-sector (10.3 thousand). In terms of skills category, the semi-skilled category exhibited the highest number of job vacancies comprising 104.7 thousand (55.2%) followed by skilled (25.9%; 49.0 thousand) and low-skilled (18.9%; 35.8 thousand).

Malaysia experienced more jobs creation during this quarter, with a total of 31.9 thousand new jobs added to cater the growing demands subsequent to the recovering economy. In terms of skills category, most of the new jobs were in the semi-skilled category accounting for 59.6 per cent (19.0 thousand) followed by skilled with 29.4 per cent (9.4 thousand) and low-skilled (11.0%; 3.5 thousand). Across the economic activity, the Services sector emerged as the primary driver of jobs creation, claiming a share of 51.6 per cent (16.5 thousand) primarily in the Wholesale & retail trade sub-sector (8.5 thousand). Following that was the Manufacturing sector creating 10.1 thousand new jobs (31.5%) with sub-sector of Electrical, electronic, and optical products stood out with 3.5 thousand jobs created.

Concluding his statement on today's release, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "Overall labour demand in the economic sector in this quarter continued to show a positive trend despite global recession risks, leading to an increase in job opportunities and reinforcing the strength of Malaysia's labour market."

Time series statistics and more information on the labour market can be obtained from the Malaysia Labour Market Interactive Data (MyLMID) portal. For more information, please visit https://mbls.dosm.gov.my/mylmid/ or scan the QR code below.
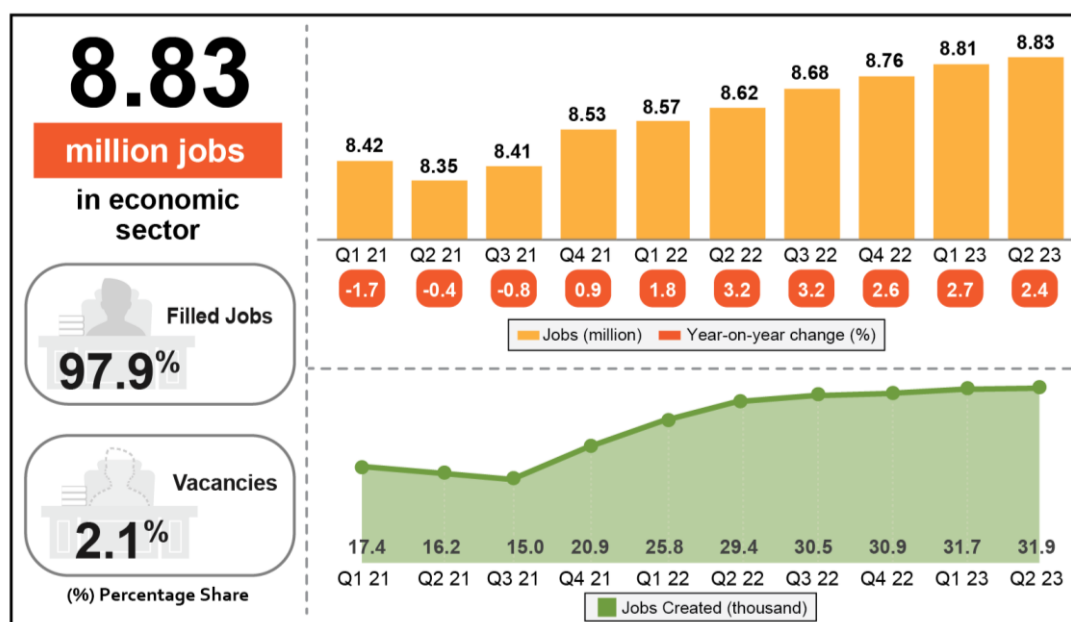
DOSM is conducting the Economic Census in 2023. DOSM greatly appreciates the cooperation of respondents in providing information and ensuring the success of this census. Please visit www.dosm.gov.my for more information.

DOSM has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides a catalogue of data and visualisation to facilitate users in analysing various data. OpenDOSM NextGen is an open source data sharing platform and accessible through https://open.dosm.gov.my portal.

The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20 each year. MyStats Day theme is "Connecting the World with Data We Can Trust".

Exhibit 1: Employment Statistics, Q2 2023

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