



PERBADANAN PRODUKTIVITI MALAYSIA (MALAYSIA PRODUCTIVITY CORPORATION)  
Peti Surat 64, Jalan Sultan, 46904 Petaling Jaya Selangor, Malaysia  
Tel: 03-7955 7266, 7955 7050, 79557085  
Fax: 03-7957 8068 (E), 7955 1824 (B), 7954 0795 (Promosi)  
Lorong Produktiviti Off Jalan Sultan, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.  
<http://www.mpc.gov.my>

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**15 March 2023**

### **The private sector welcomes the move to accelerate approval for expatriate permits**

Petaling Jaya - The private sector applauds Minister of Economy, YB Rafizi Ramli's announcement that the government is looking at simplifying and shortening the application process for expatriate visas. The streamlined process will be ready in three months.

In the first PEMUDAH (The Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business) meeting for 2023, YB Rafizi Ramli said that the meeting had decided to roll out the much simpler application process with proper checks and balances.

PEMUDAH is undertaking the task with several ministries and government agencies to deliver the improved regulatory framework, which is expected to remove the unnecessary red tape and regulatory burden.

Datuk Wira Dr. Haji. Ameer Ali Mydin, PEMUDAH's newly appointed Co-Chair from the private sector, said the move would increase the ease of doing business for foreign investors who require professionals from their companies abroad to work on investment projects in Malaysia.

"The move strengthens Malaysia's position as a pro-investor country. We risk losing high-impact investments if investors can't bring their expertise to projects. The private sector looks forward to working closely with the government to realise this task", said Datuk Ameer.

Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai, President of Malaysia Semiconductor Industry Association (MSIA) and Co-Chair for PEMUDAH's Technical Working Group on Human Capital (TWGHC), commended YB Rafizi's swift decision to take the matter up to speed.

"The approval for expatriate pass application takes up to one year of processing. There is room for improvement to expedite its processes and procedures and standardise the application and documentation details across authorities. One year processing

period is counter-productive for businesses, as much can be done and achieved during the duration”.

Dato’ Seri Wong added, “In 2022, issuance of expatriate passes increased from 104,205 in 2021 to 110,819 in 2022. The number is expected to increase as business and investment activities grow. The move is apt to support the growth”.

The Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA) sees the move as encouraging in strengthening Malaysia’s aerospace industry. MAIA’s President, Naguib Mohd Nor, echoed the industry’s voice that expediting the approval process for expatriate passes would add value to the local aerospace industry.

He mentioned that “Malaysia has much to learn regarding the aerospace industry. Having more international experts and professionals to work in Malaysia enables skills, technology and knowledge transfer to our locals”.

Dato’ Abdul Latif bin Haji Abu Seman, Director General of Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), serves as the Co-Secretariat for PEMUDAH and is committed to facilitating the solution to the issue.

“Productive regulatory delivery encompasses reasonable processing time, fewer procedures, and low compliance costs. During the PEMUDAH meeting, relevant authorities voiced their commitment to delivering the solution in three months. MPC, as the Secretariat, will facilitate the process. Our experience in applying the World Bank’s methodology in ensuring efficient regulatory delivery can be the point of reference to realise this task”, Dato’ Abdul Latif added.

The President of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), Tan Sri Dato’ Soh Thian Lai, welcomed the government’s commitment to the matter as appropriate towards building a high-income nation by focusing on high technology and high-value-added products and services. He said, "With the expatriates are vast technological expertise and advanced tools to increase production efficiency and quality, which can be useful in building the capacity of our local manufacturers.”

End.

For Media Enquiries:  
Huda Atiqah Samsir (0137261950)  
or [atiqah@mpc.gov.my](mailto:atiqah@mpc.gov.my)



"Memacu Produktiviti Negara" | "Driving Productivity of the Nation"



[www.mpc.gov.my](http://www.mpc.gov.my)



[facebook.com/MPCHQ](https://facebook.com/MPCHQ)



[@MPC\\_HQ](https://twitter.com/MPC_HQ)



[@mpc\\_hq](https://www.instagram.com/mpc_hq)



Malaysia  
Productivity  
Corporation



---

### **About Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)**

*Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) is a statutory body under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). MPC promotes productivity, quality and competitiveness to the industries and organisations in Malaysia. MPC's vision is to be the leading organisation in productivity enhancement for global competitiveness and innovation.*

---

Released by **MALAYSIA PRODUCTIVITY CORPORATION**. Media enquiries **Ms. Huda Atiqah Samsir** Tel : **013-7261950**; e-mail: **atiqah@mpc.gov.my**

---