



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### SOCSCO COMMITTED TO HELP RETRENCHED WORKERS

**KUALA LUMPUR** – In light of the recent retrenchment exercise in local aviation industry, Social Security Organisation (SOCSCO) is committed to help airlines staff who have lost their jobs with benefits under the Employment Insurance System (EIS) and the government incentives under the Short-Term Economic Recovery Plan (PENJANA).

The EIS, managed by SOCSCO, provides protection to employees who have lost their jobs with income replacement through **Job Search Allowance** for **up to 6 months**. Apart from that, SOCSCO will help them in getting new jobs through the **Re-employment Placement Programme**.

To improve the marketability of workers with loss of employment, SOCSCO **provides Vocational Skills Training** with the aim to strengthen their expertise and knowledge. The training costs of up to RM4,000 will be borne by SOCSCO and training participants are entitled to a **training allowance** of RM10 to RM20 per day for a maximum of 6 months.

SOCSCO will also channel government assistance under the PENJANA **Hiring Incentive Programme** through the national employment portal, **MYFutureJobs**. This programme provides skills training to upskill and reskill the workers. Employers who recruit workers through this programme would be able to send their newly hired workers to undergo training courses, free of charge, to equip them with the right skills and competencies for the new jobs.

As always, SOCSCO would take a proactive measure in providing assistance to workers who have lost their jobs even before they submit their claims for EIS benefits. SOCSCO has recently conducted a virtual job interview programme on 22 and 23 October 2020, although the job seekers have yet to submit their applications for EIS benefits.

The objective behind this move is to ensure that those who are affected by the retrenchment exercise receive immediate assistance.

As of **28 October 2020**, a total of **90,470** cases of job loss has been reported to SOCSCO for EIS benefits application. During the same period, a total of **33,341** Insured Persons under the EIS have returned to work through the Re-employment Placement Programme and the MYFutureJobs

portal. This brings the total number of workers who have been successfully hired through SOCSO's Re-employment Placement Programme and PENJANA's Hiring Incentive Programme to **102,025 cases**.

SOCSO would like to advise employees who are affected by the retrenchment exercises including those who are offered a voluntary separation scheme (VSS) or mutual separation scheme (MSS) to visit SOCSO website, [www.perkeso.gov.my](http://www.perkeso.gov.my) to acquire more information of the EIS benefits and PENJANA, as well as the application procedures. For enquiries, please contact SOCSO careline number at **1300-22-8000**.

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