

## MEDIA STATEMENT SCAMMERS POSING AS SOCSO'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICERS

**KUALA LUMPUR** – Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) has received complaints regarding scammers impersonating Employment Services Officers targeting unsupecting victims.

The activities of these irresponsible parties have undermined SOCSO's efforts in carrying out various Active Labour Market Programmes to assist our Insured Persons and Malaysians who lost their jobs due to Covid-19 crisis.

SOCSO, through the Office of Employment Insurance System (EIS), implements various activities to promote EIS services such as job vacancies on the National Job Portal MYFutureJobs, distribution of posters on employability workshops, as well as notices of training programmes and open interviews held at the SOCSO offices and selected locations nationwide.

In carrying out these activities, SOCSO discloses the names and phone numbers of our Employment Services Officers to facilitate the public in contacting and obtaining further information related to these services.

The disemination of information on SOCSO services via social media, however, has attracted scammers to disguise as our Employment Services Officers to commit fraud against the public.

Following this, a police report on a scam was lodged yesterday (21 October 2020) at 10.03 am at the Petaling Jaya Police Headquarters. One of SOCSO officers, Khairul 'Ammar bin Hashim has lodged the police report as his profile and phone number were being used by scammer(s) to deceive a few of his colleagues.

The scammer has contacted some of Khairul 'Ammar's colleagues and requested a sum of money to be transferred to a Maybank account under the name of Muhd Nur Azami bin Manila. One of his colleagues was tricked into transferring RM500 to the account holder, after being requested by the imposter for the reason that he was unable to access online banking.

In light of this development, we would like to advise our Insured Persons, employers and the public including SOCSO officers to be vigilant of tactics used by scammers so that they will not be easily deceived by the increasingly widespread fraudulent activities.

Please check with SOCSO or report to us if there is any party who requests for payment for the SOCSO's services. I would like to reiterate that all benefits and services provided by SOCSO to its Insured Persons are FREE of charge and we do not engage middlemen in delivering our benefits and services.

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