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PERKESO, CARSOME Launch 3 Unemployment Initiatives, Tackle Unemployment Rates in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Feb – In a bid to tackle unemployment and ease job seekers' transition into the workforce, the Social Security Organization (PERKESO) and CARSOME have launched a partnership aimed at addressing mobility and skill gaps.

With 546,900 individuals still without jobs in the fourth quarter of 2024, the collaboration introduces three key initiatives designed to provide financial assistance, improve job mobility, and enhance employability through upskilling.

PERKESO Group Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Sri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed, said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to helping Malaysians secure meaningful employment.

“By addressing mobility challenges and providing essential training, this initiative empowers individuals to regain their footing and re-enter the workforce with confidence.

“With PERKESO’s social support and CARSOME’s industry expertise, the collaboration creates a sustainable pathway to employment and long-term career growth,” he said while speaking during the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony between PERKESO and CARSOME in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

The first initiative under the partnership is the "My First Car" programme, which offers RM800 discounts for graduates registered with MYFutureJobs purchasing their first vehicle while the second initiative, the Employment Insurance System (EIS) Claimant Campaign provides RM3,000 in car discounts and trade-in bonuses for EIS recipients.



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The final component of the collaboration is the EIS Upskilling Programme, which leverages CARSOME Academy to provide automotive training and job placements, ensuring individuals are equipped with relevant skills for the job market.

CARSOME Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of CARSOME Academy, Teoh Jiun Ee, said mobility and skills development play a crucial role in workforce readiness as job seekers and fresh graduates navigate career transitions.

Therefore, he said, practical solutions that ease transportation challenges and industry-focused training can significantly improve their employment prospects, ensuring they can re-enter the workforce with confidence.

“Access to affordable mobility not only expands job opportunities but also promotes social mobility, creating more avenues for income generation.

“CARSOME has witnessed the positive impact of PERKESO’s efforts through the MYFutureJobs portal, which facilitated 204,819 job placements in 2024.

“Beyond supporting workforce mobility, this partnership allows CARSOME to tap into new talent pools for the automotive sector while helping individuals build skills needed to thrive in a fast-evolving industry,” he said.

The partnership will run from 26 February 2025 to 27 February 2026, with both organizations committed to continuous support and improvements. All initiatives are subject to terms and conditions. More information is available on CARSOME and PERKESO’s websites.

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PERKESO is a government agency that provides social protection to private-sector employees, statutory bodies/government employees, self-employed individuals, and housewives, along with their dependents, against unforeseen circumstances such as accidents, disability, illness, death, and unemployment. This protection is based on the concept of social insurance with the principles of 'Prihatin' and 'no one left behind'. PERKESO operates through 54 offices, 5 Rehabilitation Centers, and 294 MYFutureJobs One Stop Centers across Malaysia. Visit www.perkeso.gov.my or contact the Customer Service Center at 1300 22 8000 for more information.

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About CARSOME

CARSOME is Southeast Asia's largest integrated car e-commerce platform. With operations across Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines, CARSOME aims to digitize the region's used car industry by reshaping and elevating the car transaction and ownership experience.

Together with subsidiary brands iCar Asia, WapCar, CarTimes, and CARSOME Capital, CARSOME provides end-to-end solutions to consumers and used car dealers across the decision funnel, from car content consumption, car inspection, and ownership transfer to financing and other ancillary services, promising to bring trust, transparency, and choice to our customers.

CARSOME Academy, an accredited automotive training institution, further enhances the ecosystem by equipping future talents with industry-relevant skills, ensuring a steady pipeline of qualified professionals in the automotive sector.

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