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2.1 million foreigners working in Malaysia

TANJUNG MALIM: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) recorded 2.1 million foreigners working in various sectors in Malaysia up to June this year.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said 1.9 million were recorded last year and 2.1 million in 2020.

"We are not denying that the country still needs foreign workers in various sectors such as construction, plantation, manufacturing and domestic.

"We still need about 15% of the total labour force and are approaching this figure.

"However, we also need to attract the locals to work in the plantation or construction industry by providing better facilities so as to reduce the country's dependence on foreign labour," he told reporters after opening the Statistics Carnival 2022 in conjunction with the National Statistics Day 2022 and One Decade of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute celebration here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Mustapa also said DOSM released over 500 types of statistics annually to help the country manage at all levels, especially in the economic and socio-economic sectors.

"The statistics are used by various parties such as the government departments and agencies, Bank Negara Malaysia, investors and various non-governmental organisations in drawing up their plans," he said.