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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim called for contribution and participation from all quarters, including Chinese and Indian chambers of commerce, to help train 100,000 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) participants.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Bumiputera Economic Congress 2024 yesterday, he said the government was committed to collaborating with government-linked investment companies, government-linked companies and selected private bodies.

He said this effort should be carried out within a five-year period, including providing job offers with a target minimum monthly salary of RM3,000.

"So far, the companies involved include Petronas, Sime Darby, Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd,

Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Telekom Malaysia.

"Only through adequate training opportunities and meaningful employment can we change the lives of the Bumiputeras, including those in rural areas such as families of Federal Land Development Authority settlers and fishermen's children."

Anwar asked for all parties to pool their resources to achieve the goal of training and providing employment opportunities with equitable salaries to 100,000 trainees.



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi speaking at a press conference after the end of the Bumiputera Economic Congress, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Permanent secretariat to be set up

PUTRAJAYA: The Bumiputera Economic Council will set up a permanent secretariat to ensure that Bumiputera Economic Congress resolutions are carried out.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced this at the end of the congress.

Speaking after the end of the congress, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said he was entrusted as chairman of the secretariat's steering committee, whose job is to monitor and carry out resolutions approved by the council.

"A working committee will be chaired by Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli.

"We will consider all aspects, in-

cluding the implementation schedule and follow-up actions required by the secretariat."

He added that both committees would work closely to monitor the outcomes of the congress' discussions, as well as discussion documents submitted to the prime minister.

"Dozens of clusters at this congress have proposed plans related to the interests of Bumiputeras without neglecting other ethnic groups.

"These include poverty eradication and more equitable economic development.

"There is also emphasis on adopting new technology, with a focus on the implementation of

technical and vocational education training (TVET)."

Earlier, Anwar announced measures to aid Bumiputeras in entrepreneurship, the property sector, TVET and endowments.

He also approved the establishment of a Gig Workers Commission, prioritising social protection, contract disputes and career advancement for gig workers.

In January, Zahid, also the rural and regional development minister, said he was committed to setting up a gig economy commission.

He said that the establishment of the commission was mainly to protect and safeguard the welfare of gig workers in the country.