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TO: ALL MEMBERS

OPENING OF THE SPECIAL PERIOD FOR APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN WORKER HIRING QUOTA FOR 2025

We wish to inform that the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) has announced the opening of a special period to receive applications for the foreign worker hiring quota for the year 2025.

1. The special application period will begin on 19 January 2026 and close on 31 March 2026. Applications will continue to be accepted until the previously set deadline of 31 December 2025.
2. This special period is open for applications subject to all sectors and sub-sectors approved by the Government on 1 October 2025, and must comply with the set eligibility criteria, including applications for hiring foreign workers in the service sector under the supervision of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN), which was previously closed earlier.
3. All applications received from 19 January 2026 until 31 March 2026 will be discussed with the relevant supervising Ministries for consideration and are subject to other foreign worker employment conditions.
4. Employers are reminded to submit applications directly without the intermediation of agents or third parties at the One-Stop Centre for the Management of Foreign Workers, KDN. To facilitate the application process during this special period, appointments must be made in advance through the appointment system accessible via the official KDN website starting 16 January 2026.

This special period is intended to assist employers in submitting applications for foreign workers in an organised manner and is in line with the Government's commitment to address industry needs and improve service delivery efficiency.

We strongly encourage all members who intend to apply for the foreign worker hiring quota to take note of the above timelines and requirements.

Thank you.

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