

# THE RULES NECESSARY TO STOP THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HIV INFECTED PEOPLE, SAYS KULA

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*M Kulasegaran Human Resources Minister.*

KUALA LUMPUR: Minister of Human Resources M Kulasegaran today raised the rules that prevent work-related discrimination against HIV / AIDS.

Despite the decline in HIV-related deaths and the improvement of treatment and quality of life, the affected workers continue to suffer discrimination in the workplace or in employment.

"It is very important to initiate plans to alleviate these problems in the workplace in order to eliminate such discrimination," he told reporters at a news conference on HIV AIDS AIDS Coalition.

At present, he said employers do not require HIV screening for prospective employees.

"This is only a problem if the employer becomes aware of the employee's HIV status in the employment process."

He added that his ministry is discussing the implementation of legislation or legislation that prohibits discrimination against workers with the virus.

These laws already exist in other countries such as the Asean, such as the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.

At today's event, Petronas and six other companies have been awarded Asean Red Ribbon for Outstanding Work for their initiatives to prevent and control HIV / AIDS-infected workers.

The award is intended to encourage greater involvement of employers from ASEAN Member States in combating and preventing HIV / AIDS and combating discrimination against the persons concerned.

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