SESSION 9:
DATA SOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION:
MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

An individual who had stayed or intended to stay in Malaysia for six months or more

International migration

- Foreign worker
- Expatriate
- Foreign students
- Permanent residents
- Refugees dan Asylum Seekers

1. International migration is the movement of people in and out to/from Malaysia

2. International migration only involves the changes with regards to non-Malaysian citizens
An Active Pass refers to a legal document or pass issued for entering Malaysia for various purposes, and applies only during the active period.
NON-CITIZENS POPULATION DATA SOURCES

CENSUS/ SURVEY

Population Census
• Conducted once every 10 years
• Six population census conducted
• For citizens and non-citizens resident

Economic Census
• Conducted every 5 years

Survey
• Labour Force Survey - Monthly, quarterly & annually
• Internal migration Survey – Conducted as a rider module of Labor Force Survey (LFS)

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA
• Administrative data were obtained from Immigration Department of Malaysia, National Registration Department, Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
• Monthly basis
• Via web-based
• The resident population consists of individuals who lived in Malaysia for six months or more in the reference year is needed for the compilation of statistics on international migration.

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• In Malaysia practice, DOSM only compiles the resident population statistics to be used as input for mid-year and quarterly population estimates for non-citizens categories.

• The estimation of the non-citizen population in Malaysia relies on administrative data provided by relevant agencies.
NON-CITIZENS POPULATION
ADMINISTRATIVE DATA SOURCES

Administrative registers from other government department and agencies were used as the main source of international migration comprise of:

Permits from Immigration Department of Malaysia
- Foreign workers
- Expatriate
- Professional Visit Pass
- Resident pass
- Dependent’s pass
- Long-Term Social Visit Pass

Non-citizens registers (Permanent and Temporary Resident Pass) from National Registration Department (NRD)

Students visa from Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)

Number of registered refugees and asylum seekers from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Gathered data from relevant agencies

Estimate using appropriate statistical technique – Malaysia, state & administrative district level

Provide data for population estimates

Provide data as an input for other publication in DOSM
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

01 Use of different terminology

- As it is often very difficult to compare migration data due to different terminology, definitions, durations, types of movements and categories used, it is critical to work towards ensuring that government ministries apply the same or similar definitions for specific international migrant categories.

02 Incomplete data

- Existing data in ministries and agencies is still insufficient in producing a comprehensive international migration database (lack granularity).

03 Data sharing

- It requires strong cooperation from ministries and agencies as data providers in data sharing especially in ensuring that data acquisition is consistent and real-in-time data.

04 Different data collection objectives

- Different data collection objectives from ministries and agencies affect data coordination in terms of target users, scope & coverage and uniformity of variables.
**Engagement with relevant agencies**

- The Implementation Technical Working Group (TWG) between DOSM and relevant agencies

**Addressing Undercounting**

- Under Reporting Survey for Births & Deaths
- Under Reporting Survey for Non-citizens resident

**Quality Assurance**

- Use of administrative data for ensuring the quality of population census
MOVING FORWARD

- Compiling administrative data with improved granularity
- Continuous engagement between federal & states agencies
- Mirror statistics - information on Malaysian citizens reside in other countries
THANK YOU

Gemilang, perangkaan jitu
data terpelihara
pelbagai anugerah
membuktikan kita juga berdaya
Gemilang, harumkan negara
di antarabangsa
berpadu tenaga, berganding bahu
dan kejayaan di rasa
Langkah strategi di yakini
kejayaan di kecapi
sejarah yang terukir
menjadi inspirasi

Chorus

Di arus zaman berubah
moden dan penuh rintangan
tetap melangkah dan berevolusi
dan menuju matlamat jaya

Seiring dan seirama
bersama tekad di hati
misi dan visi berinovasi
Gah di mata dunia

VIDEO "GEMILANG"