

APAD : Ministry hopes to solve hiring issue by next week

SUBANG JAYA : Transport Ministry is hoping that the hiring process for the Land Public Transport Agency (APAD) personnel, which was previously halted, will be solved by next week. Its minister, Anthony Loke, in announcing this yesterday, said number of approved job vacancies was 361. "The Public Service Department (PSD) has approved 253 posts for APAD. There are 108 posts to be filled and waiting for approval." He said he monitored the progress of hiring procedure and was aware of the delay. "The delay has caused many incomplete and delayed documentation.

"So we are determined to solve this as quickly as possible," he said after visiting an APAD office here. As short-term measure, Loke said his ministry had instructed some of the personnel to work extra hours to ensure that documents related to licencing and permits were completed within a timeframe. "They will have to do overtime, and maybe work on Saturday too to complete the application process and ensure that customers, especially commercial vehicle owners and public transport handlers, are well managed. "I assure you that this issue will be solved as soon as possible. "APAD's operation will return to normal." Since APAD's transition from the previous Land Public Transport Commission early this year, the agency has faced not only a shortage of personnel, but also criticism from public over delays in processing licence application.

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