



I. Background

Malaysia recognizes that Youth Unemployment is a growing adversity for the world. Although Malaysia's general unemployment rate is relatively low, it is most certainly high enough to be a danger to economic vitality and social balance when it comes to the youth, particularly within the newly graduated.

Accelerated technological advancement, barriers to securing decent jobs, skills mismatch between education and the industry and growing sense of hopelessness have made it harder for the youth to find place in the growing workforce. As a progressive and future-oriented nation, Malaysia believes resolving this issue is a key point to securing economic growth that promises inclusivity and is sustainable, following the principles of *Agenda 2030* and the *SDGs*.

II. Past Actions

The government of Malaysia has carried out several measures to encourage employment among young people and economic growth. The National Employment Council (NEC) and *PenjanaKerjaya Programme* were introduced to give rise to employment possibilities and reinforce efforts for reskilling. The *Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)* system was also made stronger to align education with the job market's needs. Moreover, Malaysia's Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 (SPV 2030) was made with the aim to ensure equilibrium in economic opportunities for all and push sustainable growth through means such as entrepreneurship, various innovations and investment into digital industries. Cooperation with *The World Bank*, *UNDP* and *ASEAN* have further supported youth empowerment and sustainable economic progression.

III. Policy Proposals

Foster Regional and Global Partnerships: Improve collaboration with ASEAN and agencies of UN to interchange best practices and make sure of inclusive progression across the nation.

Enhance Vocational and Technical Training Programs: Expand TVET programs to ensure the youth is equipped with practical skills required by the labor market. Particularly in green industries and technology.

Foster Sustainable Development: Put investments in renewable energy, digital industries and green technology to establish brand new, promising economic opportunities.

Introduce Future Skills Program: Introduce Youth Innovation and Apprenticeship Network (YIAN) to give young people practical skills through mentorship, projects, and internships, fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable growth.