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## Campaign to ensure workers travel safely to work

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**BANGI:** The culture of rushing to and from work among Malaysians has contributed to about 41% of work-related accidents occurring.

"The Government has initiated various road safety campaigns, but the effects will only materialise if we change our culture," said Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam after launching the National Safe Commuting to Work Campaign 2012 at Universiti Tenaga Nasional here yesterday.

According to research done by Socso and Universiti Teknologi Mara, the numbers had seen an increase in road accidents since 2010 and the ministry was still striving to reduce this figure with the support of government agencies or non-governmental agencies, he said.

"About 53% of the cases reported involved young adults aged 35 and below," he said, adding that this had reached a worrying state because it was a big loss to the country's workforce.



**Ride safe:** Dr Subramaniam (second from left) and safety campaign ambassador, actor Saiful popularly known as 'Apek' (on motorcycle), enjoying a light moment while Selvarajah (left) looks on.

Dr Subramaniam said the 30-day campaign would reach out to motorists because they made up the majority of those involved in accidents.

The research also showed that Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, Penang,

Malacca, Johor Baru and Ipoh recorded the highest number of accidents.

Socso chief executive officer Datuk K. Selvarajah said the campaign also aimed to spread awareness to employers to ensure the welfare and

safety of their employees not only at work but also when travelling to and from work.

Last year, 59,897 work-related accidents were reported with more than RM1.5bil forked out by Socso for the victims.