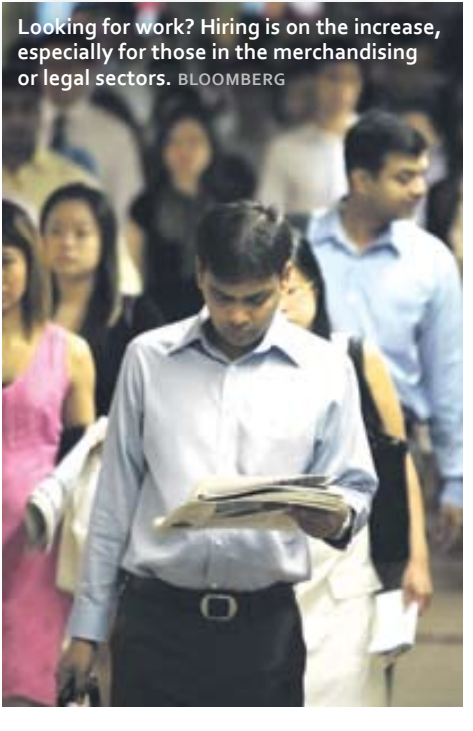
BUSINESS HIRING SEES BIG INCREASE

In a sign that confidence has returned to the hiring market across Asia, the number of jobs ads increased by 46 per cent in the first three months of this year, compared with the same period last year. This, despite a dip in February due to the seasonal impact of Chinese New Year, according to the latest Robert Walters Q1 2010 Asia Job Index.

In Singapore, the most significant increases in job advertisements have been in the merchandising and purchasing and lawyer and legal sectors, with increases of 119 and 120 per cent respectively over the last quarter of last year. There is also a notable increase in the number of IT jobs in Singapore, with a similar trend also seen in the sales, business development and retail functions.

Secretarial and support professionals are also in demand, as seen by the rise in advertisements for clerical, administrative and secretarial jobs.



Looking for work? Hiring is on the increase, especially for those in the merchandising or legal sectors. BLOOMBERG