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## Malaysian Chinese women live the longest



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PUTRAJAYA: Chinese women live the longest in Malaysia, with an average life expectancy of 79.8 years, said the Department of Statistics based on its 2010 records.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department [Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop](#) said Indian women are in second place with (76.2 years), followed by Malay women (75.3 years), Chinese men (74.4 years), Malay men (70.5 years) and Indian men (68 years).

According to the 2010 statistics, in general, women in the country had a higher life expectancy at 77 years compared with men at 71.9 years - an improvement from the 74.7 years for women and 70 for men in 2000.

Nor Mohamed said the fertility rate among women, however, dropped from 3.0 in 2000 to 2.2 in 2010.

"Malaysia is expected to reach a maximum population of 57 million by 2090.

"Such statistics are important because it is related to domestic needs that remains an important aspect in ensuring the economy of the country," he said.

He said 475,816 births were registered in 2010, excluding still born babies, while there were 129,327 deaths, resulting in an addition of 346,489 people to the population.

Nor Mohamed also denied that Malaysia was an aging society because 67.5% of the population are in the 15-64 years bracket.

The statistics also revealed that 71% of the 28.3 million population in the country, lived in urban areas and only 29% remained in rural areas.