



Stats Department Assures Confidentiality On Economic Census

KOTA KINABALU, July 28 (Bernama) -- About 15 per cent of the 40,000 firms and organisations in Sabah have responded to the Economic Census 2011 (BE2011) by returning the survey forms distributed to them when the exercise started in April this year, disclosed Sabah Statistics Department deputy director Amran Othman.

"Among the factors for the discouraging feedback is the worry by certain companies that their failure to divulge financial information to the Internal Revenue Board or employing illegal immigrants would implicate them.

"The department only collects relevant information to use in planning the country's economic development and to identify the difficulties faced by the industries," he stressed in a media conference here.

Urging cooperation from firms and organisations in regard to the census that will end in December, Amran gave the assurance that all information received would remain confidential, as provided for under the Statistics Act 1965 (Revised 1989).

He said companies could contact 088-484630 or www.statistics.gov.my for more information on the BE2011.

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