

Dept to carry out economic census on SMIs

PUTRAJAYA: An economic census on small and medium industries will be carried out this year, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop.

He said the census was to gather statistics related to the country's economic performance.

"The statistics are important to gauge the success of the Government's policies.

"It will be another huge task for the Statistics Department which requires proper planning," he said at the presentation of the department's excellent service awards at Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday.

A total of 237 staff members received awards while 27 others were given salary increments.

Nor Mohamed commended the department for successfully conducting the 2010 population and housing census last year.

The report of basic demographic characteristics will be issued in July.