



Malaysian population exceeds 27 million

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PUTRAJAYA, Thursday 23 December 2010 (Bernama) -- The preliminary report of Census 2010 shows that Malaysia now has a population of 27,565,821 with a male-female ratio of 105 to 100.

The male population totalled 14,112,667 and the female 13,453,154, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop said today.

The average annual growth rate from 2000 to 2010 was 2.17%, a drop from the 2.60% for 1991 to 2000, he told a press conference here, which was also attended by the Director-General of the Statistics Department, Datuk Wan Ramlah Wan Abdul Raof.

The census carried out from last July 6 to Aug 22 found 6,396,174 households and 7,380,865 housing units in the country, Nor Mohamed said.

Census 2010 is the fifth in Malaysia. Previous censuses were conducted in 1970, 1980, 1991 and 2000.

The detailed report on the census is due to be released in July next year.

Nor Mohamed said that Selangor had the highest share of the population, 5,411,324 residents or 19.63% of the national total, with a growth rate of 3.17%.

Putrajaya, which has 67,964 residents, has the highest annual growth rate of 17.77 due to the move of government departments and employees from Kuala Lumpur, he said.

Labuan, Sabah, Sarawak, Johor, Terengganu, Kedah and Negri Sembilan experienced a drop in growth rate, Nor Mohamed said.

He said that a decline in the growth rate was usual in advanced societies where people tended to concentrate on their careers.

The fertility rate had dropped to 2.3% last year from 3% in 2000, Nor Mohamed said, adding:

"There is a possibility that the fertility rate will decrease to 2.1% in 2015 as is the case with developed countries."

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