

Census info vital in helping draft policies and for strategic development

PUTRAJAYA: The information from the 2010 population and household census will serve as vital input in the drafting of policies and for strategic development as the nation moves towards developed nation status by 2020.



WE ARE READY: Malaysian Department of Statistics staff showing the poster on the nationwide population and household census 2010 in various languages after a media briefing at Putrajaya International Convention Centre. — Bernama photo

“The information will be used by the government in planning its five-year development plans and in yearly national budget,” Minister in Prime Minister’s Department, Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, said after a media briefing on the 2010 census here yesterday.

The census, which will be carried out from July 6 to Aug 22, 2010, would involve 19 million households, or about 29 million Malaysians, including about 7.3 per cent foreigners.

This is the fifth population census which the Statistics Department had carried out since the formation of Malaysia in 1963. The last census was carried out in 2000. The census will take into consideration Malaysians who had stayed in the place or planned to stay there for six months or more during 2010.

Nor Mohamed said the information on workforce, especially according to states and districts, was important in that it would influence the government's plans and private sector firms in deciding where to set up their plants.

“The information will be used also in the computation of per capita income which will serve as an indication of the wealth of the nation.

“The government will also based its allocations to various states for projects like water and road building using the census data,” he said.

He said the census' estimate of the population in the medium and long term was important in making forecasts on domestic demand, labour force and unemployment rate in the country.

“The forecasts are vital in planning the strategic economic development of the country,” he said.

The people can also use the online method to answer questions through the www.statistics.gov.my website.

About 26,000 part-time workers and 3,000 supervisors would help conduct the census. —
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