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## **Population, Housing Census Next Year**

PUTRAJAYA, June 16 (Bernama) -- The Statistics Department will carry out a population and housing census next year, a scale census conducted every 10 years.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop said, the government had allocated RM212 million to conduct a census on population, income, housing and others.

He said 29,000 part-time workers would be employed to carry out the exercise for a year.

"Another 4,500 workers are being hired to implement earlier projects under the Statistics Department," he told reporters after launching the Statistics Department 60 Years Celebration at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) here Tuesday.

Also present were the department's chief statistician Wan Ramlah Wan Abdul Raof and Economic Planning Unit director-general Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob.

Nor Mohamed said a trial census would be held next month.

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