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### **COST OF LIVING INDICATORS 2023**

#### ***DOSM's Report: Unveiling Key Insights into Malaysia's Basic Expenditure of Decent Living by Locality and Demographic Profile***

**BUTTERWORTH, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024** - The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) released its inaugural report on the **Cost of Living Indicators 2023** today during the Majlis Ulang Tahun Jubli Intan ke-75 DOSM, officiated by the Prime Minister, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, also in attendance are YB Rafizi Ramli, Minister of Economy; YB Senator Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail, Minister of Home Affairs; YB Dato' Dr. Mohamad bin Abdul Hamid, Deputy Chief Minister 1, Pulau Pinang; YBhg. Tan Sri Shamsul Azri bin Abu Bakar, Chief Secretary; YBhg. Dato' Nor Azmie bin Diron, Secretary General, Ministry of Economy; YBhg. Dato' Seri Mohd Sayuthi bin Bakar, Secretary General, Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living; YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician of Malaysia. The report encompasses 15 publications, including Malaysia and 14 publications by state and Federal Territories for 2023.

The CLI Indicators covered in this publication are the Basic Expenditure of Decent Living (PAKW) and the Cost of Living Index (IKSH). PAKW is analysed based on demographic details which include household characteristics, household size as well as location.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted, "PAKW is developed by DOSM to provide value cost for decent living. The development of PAKW began in 2018, considering household spending patterns based on the Household Income and Expenditure Survey."

PAKW refers to the amount of monthly consumption expenditure required by households/individuals to have a decent living that fulfills needs, wants and the ability to participate in society. The value of PAKW is determined by two main factors namely location and demographic characteristics such as age, gender and household size.

*Therefore, the value of PAKW for each household varies depending to the demographic characteristics and the location of living quarters.*

*The development of PAKW is based on the principle of above minimum needs, taking into account three aspects of decent living: needs, wants, and social participation, based on the income/spending patterns of households. This approach also considers the cost of eating outside and the minimum-diversified concept for food expenditure choices. In terms of food components, PAKW takes into account the basic dietary needs that meets the balanced nutritional requirements in accordance with the Recommended Nutrient Intake (RNI) standard, Ministry of Health Malaysia (KKM).*

*A PAKW calculator known as MyPAKW is developed to estimate total basic expenditure for a decent standard of living based on information such as location and demographic factors, including gender, age, and the number of household members. Therefore, each individual and household has its own spending patterns. MyPAKW calculator allows the public to be informed about their reference value for basic living expenditure in their respective localities and areas. MyPAKW can be downloaded from Play Store or App Store and can also be accessed via website: <https://mypakw.dosm.gov.my/>.*

*Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also added, "In addition to Malaysia, countries worldwide also assess the cost of decent living, employing various terms such as the Cost of Living Index, Household Living-cost Price Indexes (HLPs) and Decent Living Standards."*

*The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.*

*The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20<sup>th</sup> each year. MyStats Day theme is "Statistics is the Essence of Life". DOSM commemorates its 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee in 2024.*

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