



## **Statistics Department To Study Household Income, Consumption Patterns**

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TAWAU, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- The Statistics Department will carry out a household income and expenditure survey nationwide starting January next year to observe the income and consumption patterns of the people.

Deputy chief statistician Ismail Yusoff said the samples would be taken at random at selected houses through interviews with the occupants over a period of one month.

"The survey seeks to tabulate whether the average household earnings are going up or down and to measure the rate of poverty throughout the country.

"The data on consumption pattern is aimed at determining the consumer price index of each state," he told reporters after opening a briefing on "The Importance of Social Statistics Data Towards the Country's Prosperity" here Tuesday.

He urged selected respondents to cooperate with officers conducting the survey to enable the department to get quality and coherent information to facilitate national planning in the Malaysia's five-year plan.

Earlier, Ismail said for the first time, a survey was being conducted to study household and individual usage of and access to information and communication technology starting Tuesday.

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