

**AN INTERGRATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
SURVEY, 2009/10  
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, MALAYSIA**

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The Department of Statistics, Malaysia, for the first time, would be conducting an integrated **Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)** from April 2009 until March 2010, throughout the country. In order to implement the integrated HIES, the selected household will be visited and interviewed for both these surveys.

The survey is conducted on a sample basis, where the selections of households are done on a random basis, which is based on the sampling frame of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia. A total of about 50,900 households are selected of which 26,000 households for the **Household Income Survey (HIS)** and at least 24,900 households would be visited and interviewed for both of the surveys from the period of April 2009 - March 2010.

The main objective of the **Household Income Survey** is to gather information on the pattern of income distribution classified by the various socio economic characteristics and the accessibility of basic amenities enjoyed by the households in Malaysia.

The findings from this survey will be used by the Government in the evaluation of the Mid-Term Review of the Ninth Malaysia Plan, The Third Outline Perspective Plan from the year 2001 - 2010 and other planning at the federal and regional levels. Total cooperation from the selected households in providing accurate and complete information is very important and greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile, the main objective of the **Household Expenditure Survey** is to gather information on the level and pattern of expenditure by the households on the various goods and services.

The information obtained will become the basis to ascertain the type of goods and services which will be included in the calculation of the Consumer's Price Index (CPI), Malaysia. This will also be used to update CPI weights whereby the CPI is used as a proxy to measure the rate of inflation in Malaysia.

Field officers from the Department of Statistics, Malaysia, who will be carrying along the department authority cards, are enumerators who are selected and specially trained for these two surveys. They will interview the selected households to gather data on household income, expenditure and basic amenities.

In carrying out their duties, they are bound by the provision of the Statistics Act 1965 (Revised 1989), whereby information provided by each household will be confidential and used for statistical purposes only.