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Implementation of One-Off RM500 Cash Assistance to the Poor

Pursuant to Paragraph 112 of the 2012 Budget Speech, the Government will provide a one-off cash assistance of RM500 to each household with a monthly income RM3,000 and below. The claimant (head of each household) must register with the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) and the cash assistance will be distributed through banks and post offices.

“Head of household” includes the following:

- Married individual with married children, who live together with the parents,
- Single parent with dependents,
- Single individual (bachelor, widower, single mother) with dependents, and
- Senior citizen living alone.

A self-employed head of household is also eligible to apply for the assistance.

Registration for the application of the cash assistance will commence on 10 December 2011 (Saturday), and will be for a period of one month. The registration forms are obtainable free of charge from the Federal Development Department, Service Centres and Branch Offices of the Inland Revenue Board (IRB), as well as Government agencies.

Completed registration forms, together with copies of identification cards, may be submitted to the Federal/State Development Department, appointed schools and Branch Offices of the IRB for processing.

The payments to the heads of households, who qualify for the assistance, will commence in mid-January 2012.

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