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1. MOF Media Release - Status of Bantuan Rakyat 1 Malaysia [BR1M] Programme

Please be informed that the Ministry of Finance (MOF) has issued a media release on the status of the 1Malaysia RM500 Cash Assistance (BR1M) Programme. The information from the Media Release is as follows:-

- i) The deadline for submission of the **BR1M application** form has been **extended to 10 February 2012**. The forms can be submitted at Inland Revenue Board Branch Offices and at applicable government agencies.
- ii) All applicants will be notified by post of the decision regarding their BR1M application. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter of rejection *BK-03* [1/2011] from the authority.
- iii) Applicants can check the status of their application from 16 January 2012 onwards by calling the hotline at 1-800-222-500 or 1-300-88-3010, from 9a.m. to 5p.m. during working hours.
- iv) The payment (in the form of cash vouchers) begins on 15 January 2012 until 15 March 2012 (i.e. 2 months).
- v) The vouchers can be cashed at any branch of the **Bank Simpanan Nasional**, **CIMB** and **Maybank** throughout the country. They are **valid** until **15 April 2012**.
- vi) For the convenience of the people in rural areas, the Government has provided **mobile counters** of **Bank Simpanan Nasional**, **CIMB** and **Maybank** to cash the vouchers.
- vii) An appeal may be made in respect of any unsuccessful application, at the IRB branch offices or selected government agencies. The <u>Appeal Form</u> [*Borang Rayuan Bantuan Rakyat 1 Malaysia* [*BR1M*], *BK-07* [1/2011] can be downloaded from <u>MOF</u>.

2. IRB Media Release – IRB Branch Offices (in Kedah, Kelantan & Terengganu) Will Be Closed on 22 January 2012

Please be informed that the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) branch offices in **Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu will** <u>not</u> be operational on 22 January 2012 due to the Chinese New Year Festival Holiday. In connection with this, the **BR1M Form counters** in those states will also be closed. All IRB branches will recommence operations on 25 January 2012 onwards. However, the online services are available for taxpayers at <u>www.hasil.gov.my</u>.

You may view the IRB media release at <u>http://www.hasil.gov.my/pdf/pdfam/LHDNMTidakBeroperasi.pdf</u>

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