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MINISTRY ORGANISING FAMILY COMPETITION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry is organising a contest to find out if a family with a monthly income of RM1,500 or less could lead a comfortable life.

The "Keluarga Hidup Selesa" competition would start from the district to the state and subsequently to national level.

Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the competition would be divided into two categories, urban and rural areas.

The closing date for the district level would be on Oct 31, 1996 state level Dec 31, 1996 and national level Feb 28, 1997, he told a news conference here today.

He said prizes would be given to the winners and the national champions for both categories would be announced during the World Consumer Day 1997.

On the income kriteria, he said this group was the target of the government's zero inflation drive and also used in the compilation of the second consumer price index.

Factors taken into consideration would be food, accommmodation, clothing and transportation, he said.

The competition was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on june 4 in conjunction with World Consumer Day. -- BERNAMA

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