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Herbert-Bonus

NO DECISION YET ON BONUS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

SEPANG, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- The government has not decided yet whether to give a bonus to the 800,000 civil servants this year, Finance Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Clifford Herbert said today.

"We have not discussed the bonus issue... It is up to the government to decide," he told reporters during a visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and cabinet ministers to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), here.

Herbert declined to comment further on the matter.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali told reporters at the same function that the government would discuss the bonus issue.

Over the last two years, civil servants have been getting a one-month bonus.

On the progress of the KLIA, Herbert, who is chairman of Kuala Lumpur International Airport Berhad (KLIAB), the airport's developer, said there would be no further delay in the RM9 billion project.

He said the airport was expected to be completed by end of this year.

The KLIA is expected to be ready for commercial operation within the first quarter of next year.

Herbert said the government would decide the date for the opening of the KLIA.

"There is a certain amount of testing and commissioning to do (before deciding on the date)", he added. -- BERNAMA

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