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OUTCOME OF COMFORTABLE LIVING FAMILY CONTEST TO BE KNOWN IN MAY

KOTA BAHARU, April 3 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will announce the results of the national-level Comfortable Living Family contest next month, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said today.

He said the competition, mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad end of last year, drew nationwide participation from contestants earning not more than RM1,500 monthly.

The contest, divided into rural and urban categories, was to choose consumers who manage their household expenses well, Abu Hassan told reporters after opening the Kelantan trade seminar and zero inflation vision campaign here.

The winners would be models to middle-income earners on how to manage their family's daily expenses, he said.

On the zero inflation and fair price shops campaign, Abu Hassan said it had managed to create awareness to control inflation among traders and consumers.

Abu Hassan also said that the ministry was preparing a detailed report on the use of "Tele-Info" entertainment service, said to be wasteful, to the Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Ministry.

He said the investigation was important because the ministry had received many complaints from consumers especially parents that the entertainment-style service was wasteful and has dubious contents.

Earlier in his speech, Abu Hassan urged more Bumiputeras to venture into the wholesale and retail sectors because it promised a bright future.

Both sectors contributed 9.7 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product last year, he said adding that Bumiputera participation was still low. --
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