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ASB PAYS OUT 10.5 PCT WORTH OF DIVIDENDS & BONUSES FOR '98

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) will make a dividend and bonus payout of 10.5 percent to unitholders of the Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB) unit trust scheme for 1998 compared with a payout of 11.50 percent in 1997.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today in his capacity as chairman of Yayasan Pelaburan Bumiputra, which controls PNB.

Dr Mahathir's speech was read out by PNB chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid here.

With the announcement, ASB will pay out RM2.7 billion to unitholders and this would also be 16.36 percent lower than what was paid out last year at RM3.3 billion. -- BERNAMA

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