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DON'T ONLY THINK ABOUT BONUS- CHIEF SECRETARY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali today told civil servants to focus their efforts on economic recovery and not just dream about their annual bonus.

"I don't know whether the bonus will be given or not. When the economic situation improves then we can look into it ," he told reporters after opening a special crisis management course for government officials here.

Abdul Halim said he did not know whether the bonus question would be touched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when tabling the annual budget on Oct 23. Dr Mahathir is the First Finance Minister.

He said if the economy could be quickly revived there was a strong possibility that the bonus would be given as in past years.

Last year the government paid a month's bonus or a minimum of RM700.

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