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PENSIONERS THANK GOVT FOR RM600 SPECIAL PAYMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Pensioners Association (PPKM) has thanked the government for extending the special payment of RM600 to them.

Its secretary-general, Nordin Aphanhy Abu Bakar said in a statement today that the government's kind gesture meant a lot to them since 70 per cent of 370,000 pensioners nationwide received a monthly pension of less than RM500.

"It is a reflection of the government's sensitivity to the plight of the pensioners who are also suffering hardship due to the economic downturn and inflation," he said.

He said the association hoped that the government could also consider extending the special payment to pensioners from the top management group or its equivalent as they were also affected by the economic hardship.

They too no longer enjoy any of the privileges accorded to them while in the government service, he said.

Public Service Department (PSD) Director-General Tan Sri Samsudin Osman announced recently that civil servants eligible for the special payment of RM600 would receive their first of six instalments of RM100 each in this month's pay.

The government later decided to extend the special payment to pensioners who will also get theirs from this month.

Nordin Aphanhy also said the association's last annual delegate conference had decided to hold a gathering of pensioners with the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a show of support to the government in its economic recovery efforts.

The pensioners had while in service given their undivided support to the government and would continue to do so, he said.

He said the gathering would be held in the near future.

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