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PNB unit trusts attract RM30b

THERE are seven million accounts worth RM30 billion in the Amanah Saham Bumiputera, Amanah Saham Nasional, and Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 as of June 30.

Permodalan Nasional Berhad chairman Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said there were 5,034,301 ASB accounts with a total investment of RM25.113 billion; 1,295,221 ASN accounts (RM2.4 billion) and 847,000 ASW 2020 accounts (RM1.8 billion).

Investments in the Amanah Saham Nasional 2 (ASN 2) which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on June 9, stood at RM84 million through 10,000 accounts, as of July 23.

"Of the figure for ASN 2, 354 accounts are in Sabah with investments amounting to RM4.3 million. Sabah comes fourth after Selangor, the Federal Territory and Johor."

Ahmad Sarji said this after witnessing the State-level ASN 2 launch at the Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd hall yesterday by Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam. Also present were State Secretary Tan Sri Khalil Jamalul and PNB chief executive Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman.

Ahmad Sarji said 507,434 of 889,864 Sabah people who were eligible to invest in the ASB had done so with investments worth RM1.7 billion.

Of the 681,957 people who are eligible to buy ASN units, 193,168 have done so, with a total investment of RM302 million.

"This means 28.3 per cent of those eligible in Sabah have invested, compared with the national average of 18.2 per cent," he said.

Another RM182.5 million was invested by 57,157 ASW 2020 account holders in Sabah.

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