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MAPA AND NUPW STILL NEGOTIATING MONTHLY SALARY FOR PLANTATION WORKERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- The Malayan Agricultural Producers Association (MAPA) and National Union of Plantation Workers (NUPW) are still negotiating the monthly salary for plantation workers in the country, said Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn today.

He said so far both sides had held several negotiations based on a report prepared by a group from the Universiti Malaya in September.

"I'm confident that both sides will come to an agreement on the matter," he said when asked on the latest development pertaining to the monthly salary for over 200,000 plantation workers in the country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had, when opening the 54th MIC general assembly in May, said that the government had agreed in principle to the move to provide monthly salary for the plantation workers.

Dr Fong said the important thing was to safeguard the future of the plantation workers and the competitiveness of the plantation industry.

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