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Survey ordered on Socso beneficiaries

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn has instructed his officials to carry out a survey on the living conditions of beneficiaries of two Social Security Organisation schemes.

He said the survey would cover the beneficiaries of Socso's Invalidity Pension Scheme and Survivors' Pension Scheme.

"It is important that we get feedback in order to properly appraise the impact and effectiveness of the programme so that we can improve it," he announced after the ministry's post-Cabinet meeting.

The study aims to get an accurate picture of the impact of the social security system in Malaysia in order to compare it with systems in other countries.

Fong said it was necessary for the ministry to know more about workers who were permanently injured and semi-permanently injured to foster a caring society.

He also released figures of the number of recipients of the two Socso schemes.

The number of workers under the Invalidity Pension Scheme, which was started in 1974, was 17,267 while the number for the Survivors' Pension Scheme, started in 1992, was 18,213.

He added that the purpose was not only to help the recipients financially but also to offer emotional and rehabilitative help.

One example of the scheme in operation was the Education Loan Fund for the benefit of dependents.

Meanwhile, an IT gathering would be held on Feb 17. It will be to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Fong said similar gatherings would also be held nationwide.

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