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OPT FOR SSM, CIVIL SERVANTS ADVISED

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman today advised civil servants to opt for the Malaysia Remuneration System (SSM) when they are issued with option papers in October.

He said the SSM would certainly be improved from time to time after its implementation.

"Civil servants who did not opt for the SSB (New Remuneration System) previously, are now regretting," he told reporters after presenting Excellent Service Awards to staff of the National Security Division here.

He said this when asked to comment on the degree of civil servants acceptance of the SSM since its announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in July.

Samsudin said with the implementation of the SSM the government would no longer improve the SSB and it would remain in its present form, with the present criteria being applicable.

He said the Public Service Department (PSD) was now visiting the various states to explain the SSM to civil servants.

"So far the response from civil servants is very encouraging," he said. The SSB replaced the Cabinet Committee Salaries Report (JKK 1 and JKK II) which was implemented in 1976.

However the SSB came in for criticism because of certain weaknesses.

The SSM is expected to be implemented on Nov 1.

At the function, 47 officers received excellent service awards.

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