



Mahathir with (from left) Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zulkefly Ahmad, Lim, Great Eastern group CEO Khor Hock Seng and Deputy Finance Minister Amiruddin Hamzah during the cheque presentation yesterday. — **ASHRAF SHAMSUL/THE SUN**

RM8,000 contribution for B40 in mySalam scheme

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➤ One-off insurance payment covering 36 critical illnesses for eligible recipients

PUTRAJAYA: Recipients of the mySalam B40 National Protection Scheme will receive a one-off

contribution of RM8,000 each if they suffer from any of the 36 critical illnesses covered under the scheme, said Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng.

He said it will pay RM50 daily for a maximum of 14 days, or a maximum of RM700, and a year in income replacement should they be admitted to any government hospital.

The scheme, launched by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday, provides takaful protection for the bottom 40% household income group (B40) who receive the People's Living Aid.

The scheme is aimed at helping the B40 to deal with financial difficulties arising from admission to government hospitals or when afflicted with any of 36 listed critical illnesses.

It was introduced with a startup contribution of RM2 billion from Great Eastern insurance and takaful companies.

In his speech at the mySalam launching ceremony, Lim said coverage under the

scheme commenced on Jan 1 and those who are eligible could make their claims from March 1.

He said qualified recipients will be notified through SMS.

"Recipients can submit claims through the mySalam portal or at any Great Eastern office and after the claim is approved, the payment will be credited directly to their bank account."

Lim said 3.69 million people aged between 18 and 55 were eligible for mySalam, and the government will use the RM2 billion contribution by Great Eastern to pay the annual premium of RM112 per person.

"The premium is set at cost and without profit to the insurance company."

On the RM2 billion start-up fund, Lim said it was a cash contribution by Singapore-based Great Eastern as an alternative to the condition of 30% minimum local shareholding for foreign insurers set by the government - Bernama