

Two new characters in Muhyiddin's everyman cast

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PUTRAJAYA: After using Mak Cik Kiah the pisang goreng seller and Pak Salleh the mee kolok restaurant owner as examples, it is now Kak Radziah and Datuk Lim's turn to be cited by the Prime Minister.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has been using fictional laymen as examples to illustrate the benefits that the average Malaysian stands to receive from government's initiatives.

Kak Radziah is the illustrative taska (childcare centre) operator -

the Prime Minister said that she would have benefited from the wage subsidy programme and the RM3,000 special grant for entrepreneurs under the Prihatin economic stimulus initiative.

"Under the economic recovery plan or Penjana, Kak Radziah will continue to enjoy the wage subsidy, which has been extended for another three months.

"On top of this, with the reopening of taska, Kak Radziah is eligible for aid of RM5,000 and also incen-

tives of RM900 per worker to send her employees for babysitting courses," he said.

As for Datuk Lim, the Prime Minister said under the Prihatin initiative announced earlier, the businessman would benefit from the moratorium on bank loans that had helped him maintain his business cash flow.

The Datuk businessman had also enjoyed the levy exemption for the Human Resources Development Fund.

"Under the economic recovery plan, the government announced exemptions for road tax and tax for house purchases. Datuk Lim is now interested in buying an apartment and a car for his adult child," he said.

The Prime Minister said to support the managing of his businesses from home, Datuk Lim will also enjoy free Internet services to enable video-conferencing, and also be eligible for a tax exemption for the purchase of a new laptop.

Muhyiddin said the plan is meant to boost the confidence of not just investors, but also businesses and the Malaysian people's outlook on the economy.

"The Cabinet will continue to work hard to serve and do their best for the people.

"I hope the government's efforts will continue to benefit the people," he said in his speech announcing the government's Short-Term Economic Recovery Plan yesterday.