

AGEING POPULATION TREND

There are 110 males per 100 females, says PM at launch of 2020 census report

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MALAYSIA continued to register a declining trend in the percentage of population aged 14 years and below, while the number of those in the old age category continued with an upward trend over the past 10 years.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob yesterday said the percentage of population aged 14 and below, or categorised as young age, dropped to 24 per cent in 2020 compared with 27.6 per cent in 2010.

In his speech at the launching of the 2020 Malaysia Population and Housing Census main findings report, Ismail Sabri said the percentage of population aged 60 and above had increased from eight per cent, or two million people, in 2010 to 10.4 per cent, or 3.4

million people, in 2020.

The nation's population, he said, stood at 32.4 million up to 2020 with the compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 1.7 per cent over 10 years.

"Of the total 32.4 million population, 91.7 per cent are citizens, while 8.3 per cent are non-citizens.

"A total 6.8 per cent of the total population are those aged 65 years and above, 69.3 per cent in the working age category (between 15 and 64) and the remaining in the young age category," he said when revealing findings from the report here.

Present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, newly appointed Public Service Department

director-general Datuk Seri Mohd Shafiq Abdullah and Statistics Department director-general Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

Also in attendance was Management and Science University president Tan Sri Professor Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid.

Ismail Sabri said the male population outnumbered females with the gender ratio of 110 males per 100 females.

The findings from the census, he said, showed females outnumbered their male counterparts in Putrajaya, where the gender ratio in federal government administrative territory stood at 100 females per 96 males.

"This was among the findings from the 2020 census, which will become the new indicator for the

government to formulate policies related to improving the wellbeing of the people.

"These findings will also provide a thorough input in the implementation of policies, such as the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, 12th Malaysia Plan as well as Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda."

He said updated information gathered from the census would guide the government in its spending for the development of the nation.

"The government could channel financial assistance to those who are really eligible, subsequently bridging the income and wealth divides among the people, eradicate poverty and manage the B40 household group.

"From here, the Statistics Department will be responsible for



Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob

coming out with a calculation on household incomes according to income group categories.

"The census ensures senior cit-

izens and people with different abilities will not be sidelined and neglected from benefiting in the country's development."