

**RISDA To Receive Additional Allocation Of RM121 Millionl From Government
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- The government approved an additional RM121 million to the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority (RISDA) to assist small holders in rubber replanting schemes.

RISDA chairman Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik said with the additional allocation, RISDA would be able to approve more application for replanting rubber trees.

"We had received 26,000 applications but we could only assist 14,000 applications. Now with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak approving the additional allocation, we will consider more applications," he told reporters after breaking fast with RISDA staff here.

Rahim said the authority had also increased the amount allocated to smallholders from RM7,000 to RM9,230 for every hectare in the Peninsular while the amount was increased from RM7,000 to RM14,000 for those in Sabah and Sarawak.

"RISDA will consider all applications fairly to ensure all eligible applicants received assistance," he said.

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