

China To Raise Minimum Wage By 13 Per Cent
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BEIJING, June 29 (Bernama) -- China is expected to increase its minimum wage standard by at least 13 per cent on average annually in the next five years, according to the 12th Five-Year Plan of the development of human resources and social security released recently.

The minimum wage standard in most areas of China will reach more than 40 per cent of the average income of employees in urban areas.

According to the plan, the country will improve income distribution, promote the growth of salaries and wages, and gradually reduce the unreasonable wage gap.

Thirteen provinces and areas have raised the minimum wage by 22.6 per cent on average in the first quarter of this year.

Shenzhen now is the city with the highest monthly minimum wage standard in China. Its monthly minimum wage is 1,320 yuan (US\$204).

Beijing is the city with the highest minimum wage standard per hour. Its minimum wage per hour is 13 yuan (US\$2).

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