

**Over 3.7 Malaysians Above 21 Reminded To Register As Voters**  
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KANGAR, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- Over 3.7 million Malaysians aged above 21 are reminded to register as voters now so that they will not regret missing the opportunity to vote in the coming 13th general election.

Election Commission (EC) chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said according to the records up to the third quarter of 2011, only 12,400,437 Malaysians were gazetted as voters compared to the number of those eligible to register at 16,131,571.

"We hope the balance of 3,731,134 will register as voters to enable them to cast their votes in the coming elections to determine the country's future," he said after opening a state-level briefing session for general election managers and assistant managers, here, today.

"If they want to be voters, they must register early as it is not a short process. At the moment, 23 per cent of Malaysian citizens eligible to vote have not registered."

The registration of voters nationwide for the first quarter of 2012 is from January to March and the review done in April before being gazetted the following month.

"They will not be able to take part in the election process even if they are keen at the last moment if they have not registered, " Abdul Aziz said.

As for Perlis, he said, 130,294 residents were listed as voters compared to the number of those eligible to register at 156,150.

On the issue of foreign observers monitoring the coming elections, Abdul Aziz said the EC had not received any application on this.

"They can visit this country on their own expenses to see the election process," he said.

He added that the EC was prepared to accept neutral local professionals as observers in the coming general election.

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