

MTUC pleased with the 'gift' for employees and thanks Najib
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PETALING JAYA: MTUC deputy secretary-general Samuel Devadasan has described the implementation of the new minimum wage as "a gift for all workers".

"It is timely. Although the MTUC has been pushing for RM1,200, this is a fantastic start," Devadasan said.

He thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for granting the nation's workers their request for a fixed minimum wage.

MTUC vice-president Robert Vijendran Henry said the only downside was the incorporation of part of the fixed allowances into the salary.

"This will adversely affect hotel employees because they receive very low basic salaries but high service charges.

"Incorporating their service charges into their basic salaries will result in them receiving the same amount they are getting now," he added.

Union of Beverage Industry Workers general-secretary Awang Ibrahim said he was disappointed with the quantum of the minimum wage.

"The MTUC asked for a RM1,200 minimum wage 15 years ago and I believe the amount announced by the Prime Minister is insufficient for those living in the cities," he added.

Union of Employees in Port Ancillary Services Suppliers general-secretary A. Balasubramaniam said he welcomed the fixed minimum wage of RM900 as the salary in his sector was low.

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