

Subramaniam: EPF contributions to be reviewed
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 — Contributions from employers and employees to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) will be reviewed to ensure members have amassed enough savings to see them through their retirement years, Bernama Online reported today.

The national news portal quoted Datuk Seri S. Subramaniam as saying those with a monthly salary of RM700 or less would face financial difficulties after retirement as it has been estimated that the EPF savings of such individuals would likely be used up after three years.

The human resources minister cited several reasons for this, including the rising cost of living as well as unsettled debts.

He also said current contributions were in need of revision as the lifespan of Malaysians has risen to 75 years compared to 60 in the 1960s and 1970s.

The ministry will seek the opinions of both speakers and participants of the two-day International EPF Seminar 2012, which opened today, to formulate a more suitable contribution scheme, which would subsequently be tabled in Parliament, he added.

Subramaniam said the ministry plans to propose that the retirement age, which is currently 55 years in the private sector, be raised as well as retirees be offered the option to continue working.

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