

More Than Two Million Taxpayers Used e-Filing - Ahmad Maslan
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BUKIT MERTAJAM, April 29 (Bernama) -- The Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has to date received 2,191,981 Income Tax Return Forms (BNCP) or Form BE for Year of Assessment 2014 through e-Filing.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan said the amount which was recorded up to 8.30am today showed an increase of 2.29 per cent compared to the same period last year.

He said, the IRB has targeted four million taxpayers to use e-Filing this year compared to 3.8 million last year.

"The (e-Filing) is a good facility...it should be used by taxpayers as they do not have to queue up," he told reporters after a working visit to the LHDN office in Bukit Mertajam, here today.

Ahmad said the deadline to submit the BE Form for Year of Assessment 2014 has been extended from April 30 (tomorrow) to May 15.

"This additional period applies to the tax balance payment under Subsection 103(1) of the Income Tax Act 1967. The May 15 deadline does not apply to taxpayers who prefer to fill up the BE form manually because that deadline remains April 30," he said.

Ahmad said, the IRB has targeted to collect RM142 billion in taxes this year compared to RM134 billion last year.

"It is from four direct taxes under the IRB, namely individual income tax, corporate income tax, Real Property Gain Tax and stamp duty," he said.

Ahmad said the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) would provide a new challenge to the IRB in achieving its collection target for this year.

"Some taxes have been reduced following the implementation of the GST, which also involve the IRB. Individual income tax reduced by one to three per cent, the cooperative tax down one to two per cent.

"The corporate income tax dropped from 25 to 24 per cent and the tax for small and medium enterprises reduced from 20 to 19 per cent," he said.

Meanwhile, Ahmad said a total of 8,259,336 million applications for the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) were recorded for the period Dec 1, 2014 to Feb 27, 2015.

"Of that total, 7,286,269 applications have been approved, while 973,067 applications were rejected," he said adding that Penang registered 398,435 BR1M applicants, an increase of

20 per cent compared to 2014, which was at 333,915 applicants.

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