

Tabung Haji receives RM9.15 million donation from corporations
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Lembaga Tabung Haji (LTH) today accepted donations worth RM9.15 million from 34 corporations via the "Sahabat Korporat Tabung Haji" programme.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom said the donation consisting of essential goods and cash was meant for use by haj pilgrims.

"The donation is in the form of bag, manuals, medication and personal hygiene items. I am grateful for the donation which means a lot to the pilgrims this year," he told reporters after a symbolic handover of the donation in Kuala Lumpur today.

He said the donation came in handy as LTH was expected to spend RM150 million on haj management this year, including the subsidy of RM7,290 for each pilgrim.

The donors include Yayasan Felda, Maybank Islamic Bhd, Lembaga Zakat Selangor, Chemical Company of Malaysia Bhd, Bank Islam Bhd, Telekom Malaysia, Affin Bank Bhd, Bank Rakyat, BIMB Holdings Bhd, Malakoff Corporation Bhd and Perodua Sales Sdn Bhd.

Jamil Khir said a total of 22,320 Malaysian pilgrims are expected to perform the haj this year, less 20 percent from the previous quota of 27,900.

The reduction imposed by the Saudi Arabia government since 2013 was to facilitate the upgrading of Masjidil Haram (Grand Mosque) in Makkah.

"However, we have made a formal request to the Saudi Arabian government to give us additional quota this year. We are still waiting for their reply."

He said the nationwide haj course for pilgrims was near completion and the first batch of pilgrims were expected to depart for the holy land on August 16. – Bernama, August 4, 2015.

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