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16TH LAKSANA REPORT
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIHATIN RAKYAT ECONOMIC
STIMULUS PACKAGE (PRIHATIN) AND
NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN (PENJANA)

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INTRODUCTION

1. This week, the **16th LAKSANA Report** will cover 3 areas:
 - a. First, updates on the PRIHATIN achievements;
 - b. Second, progress updates on PENJANA; and
 - c. Third, review of current affairs.

PRIHATIN OBJECTIVE 1: PROTECTING THE RAKYAT

2. **First, *Bantuan Sara Hidup* or BSH.** BSH recipients who have received approval but could not receive the payment credited into their bank accounts, are now able to claim the cash at any BSN branch until **31st December 2020**. **Applications to appeal for BSH 2020** is open from **7 August 2020 until 6 September 2020**. No payment is needed when submitting applications or appeals.
 - a. **The appeal process can be made through:**
 - LHDNM Branches/ Revenue Service Centres (PKH) / Urban Transformation Centres (UTC).
 - Online application for unsuccessful applicants

Please visit the following link for more information <https://bsh.hasil.gov.my/>

- b. The public is reminded that **LHDNM does not provide BSH registration services via mobile through BSH officers or any individual. It does not also answer queries about BSH via WhatsApp or phone calls using personal numbers as published/ alleged in Facebook or other social media channels.** The public is also advised to be more aware of **the existence of fake websites/ Facebook/ Twitter** on social media and not to access or provide any personal information on the aforementioned websites.
3. **Second, Bantuan Prihatin Elektrik (BPE):** BPE is an additional assistance provided by the Malaysian Government together with TNB in the form of free electricity consumption incentives up to RM77 per month, equivalent to electricity consumption up to 300kWh for a period of 3 months throughout the MCO. In addition, domestic consumers who use electricity between 601-900 kWh per month will enjoy an additional discount of 10% (which is an additional 8% from the existing discount rate of 2%) from April 2020 to December 2020. As of 31 July 2020, **the value of BPE is RM566.6 million.** From this figure, a total of **RM364.5 million** has been utilised by individuals (**7.66 million**) while **RM202.1 million** has been utilised by the business sector (**1.44 million**).

PRIHATIN OBJECTIVE 2: SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

4. As at 31 July 2020, **a total of RM8.99 billion** has been approved (an increase from RM8.97 billion) under the **Wage Subsidy Programme** benefiting over **2.6 million** employees (an increase from 2.58 million).
5. The Wage Subsidy Programme continues to help employers and employees affected by COVID-19. For everyone's information, SOCSO has also uploaded the names of employers who have received the wage subsidy. This action was taken following complaints received from the public that there were a handful of employers who received the subsidy, but still laid off or imposed a pay cut without their employees' consent. The public can also file any complaint to SOCSO via email at aduansip@perkeso.gov.my or call 1300 228 000 for further action.

Wage Subsidy Programme	Amount Approved* (RM billion)	Number of Employers*	Number of Employees* (million)
31 July	8.99	318,258	2.60
24 July	8.97	317,292	2.58
20 July	7.82	314,423	2.55
10 July	7.79	313,644	2.53
3 July	7.15	310,622	2.48
26 June	7.07	307,518	2.46
19 June	4.89	303,596	2.40
12 June	4.08	295,265	2.31
5 June	4.00	293,033	2.30
31 May	3.22	286,338	2.20
17 May	2.24	267,752	2.00
10 May	2.10	258,165	1.90
3 May	1.90	235,000	1.70
26 April	1.35	195,000	1.50
19 April	1.20	159,000	1.00

PRIHATIN OBJECTIVE 3: STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY

6. For the **Moratorium on Loan Repayment by financial institutions**, since it came into effect on 1 April 2020; as at 31 July 2020, **the value of the moratorium** is estimated at **RM66.6 billion**. Out of this figure, a total of RM23.3 billion was utilised by the business sector while RM43.3 billion was utilised by the Rakyat.
 - a. Towards the end of the general moratorium period on 30 September 2020, banking institutions continue to be facilitative in assisting borrowers affected by COVID-19 through the **extended moratorium and targeted bank assistance**.
 - **First, for individuals who lost their jobs in 2020 and have not yet found new jobs**, the individuals will enjoy an extended moratorium targeted for a period of 3 months. After 3 months, the moratorium period can be extended by the banks depending on the individuals' situations; and
 - **Second, for individuals who are still working but their salaries have been affected by COVID-19**, the monthly instalment payment will be reduced in line with the salary reduction rate, depending on the type of loan.
 - b. Those who are still affected can start contacting their banking institutions from 7 August 2020 to discuss and apply for this extended repayment program. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/bnm.official/posts/10158571163499872> for more information.
7. Details on the achievement of other initiatives under PRIHATIN can be found in the Appendix of this report.

PENJANA (Economic Recovery Plan)

8. Under PENJANA, the initiatives are focused on three objectives, namely:

- a. Empowering the People
- b. Propelling Businesses
- c. Stimulating the Economy

PENJANA OBJECTIVE 1: EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE

9. **First, the My30 program.** As of 31 July 2020, a total of **204,325 passes** were sold (an increase from **179,349 passes**). The subsidy for the My30 pass is **worth RM34.7 million** (an increase from RM30.5 million). My30 pass can be used for the MRT, LRT, monorail, BRT, RapidKL Bus and MRT Feeder Bus.

10. **Second, the Hiring Incentive Program and Training Assistance.** Since the commencement of the registration on 15 June 2020, **9,884 employees** (an increase from **7,543 employees**) have been employed. This number includes **7,100 employees under the age of 40; 1,500 employees who are 40-60 years old, 84 disabled persons (OKU) and 1,200 apprentices.**

11. **Third, Social Assistance Support for Vulnerable Groups**, namely a one-off assistance of RM300 has been disbursed to the following groups.

- a. **Persons with disabilities (OKU): 185,713 recipients** at a cost of **RM55.7 million**
- b. **Home Help Services: 1,815 recipients** at a cost of **RM544,500**
- c. **Registered single mothers: 1,350 recipients** at a cost of **RM405,000**

12. **Fourth, incentives to encourage childcare centres to adopt new norms and the recognition of its premises:** One-off grants of up to RM5,000 to nursery and kindergarten operators registered under the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFCD) and the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE). **As of 31 July 2020, 1,785 nurseries** have been reviewed and approved with a total allocation of **RM8.3 million.**

13. **Fifth, Reskilling and Upskilling Programmes.** To increase the marketability of youths and the unemployed, the government in collaboration with several ministries and agencies will implement **training and skill-upgrading programmes for youths and the unemployed.** The programmes launched are estimated to benefit almost 200,000 youths and the unemployed. Among the parties involved are Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), Ministry of Higher Education, Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA), East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC) and Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurs and Cooperatives, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture and Ministry of Youth and Sports. **Among the initiatives that have begun and are under the management of HRDF are namely:**

- (a) 5 initiatives known as the **Penjana HRDF** which includes
- Placement and Training
 - Reskilling and upskilling
 - Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
 - B40 Development; and
 - *Gerak Insan Cemerlang* (GIC)

For more information, please visit <https://penjanahrdf.com.my/>

- (b) Employers are also invited to be Career Partners under the **Placement and Training initiative** by offering job placements in companies. **Applications are open until 14 August 2020** and for those who are interested, please refer to the following link <https://penjanahrdf.com.my/employer/>

PENJANA OBJECTIVE 2: PROPELLING BUSINESSES

14. **TEKUN Business Recovery Scheme (TRBS)**. To date, as at 31 July 2020, a total of **1810 applications have been approved** (an increase of 718) **totally RM13.3 million** (increase from RM5.27 million). From that total, **RM6.8 million** has been disbursed and benefitted **900 micro SMEs**.

PENJANA OBJECTIVE 3: STIMULATING THE ECONOMY

15. **First, ePenjana**: is one of the initiatives aimed at helping eligible Malaysians as well as boosting consumer spending through the RM50 credit-match incentives. ePENJANA was launched on the 31st of July 2020 in collaboration with the **MySejahtera COVID-19 contact tracking mobile application** and one of the three leading e-wallet service providers; namely, Boost, GrabPay and Touch 'n Go eWallet. **As of 7 August, 7.44 million people have successfully received RM50 into their e-Wallets with a total value of RM372 million**. If the public has any inquiries / concerns about the ePENJANA credit through the e-Wallet of your choice, please contact:

(a) **Boost:**

- Email: support@myboost.com.my
- Telephone Number: +603-2260 9494
- Website: <https://support.myboost.com.my/hc/enus/requests/new>

(b) **GrabPay:**

- Email: epenjana@grab.com
- Telephone Number: +603-2788 1300
- Website: <https://help.grab.com/passenger/enmy/360045705731>

(c) **Touch ‘n Go e-Wallet**

- Email: tngewalletcs@tngdigital.com.my
- Telephone Number: +603-5022 3888
- Website: <https://tngd.my/careline-webform>

16. **Second**, the public is reminded that they can take advantage of the **Tax Incentive for Car Purchases, enabling buyers to enjoy sales tax exemption** for passenger cars, i.e. 100% for locally-assembled (CKD) and 50% for imported cars (CBU), from 15 June until the end of December 2020. This initiative is aimed to revitalise the automotive industry by encouraging car sales. Based on a report released by Malaysian Automotive Association; for June 2020, **total sales in June 2020 was 5% higher than the same month in 2019**. This is a positive development in line with this initiative.

CURRENT ISSUES REVIEW

17. Government initiatives under **PRIHATIN** and **PENJANA** aimed at stimulating the country's economy have begun to show positive results when the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) announced that the unemployment rate is declining based on the latest statistics in June 2020. **The unemployment rate in June 2020 decreased by 0.4% to 4.9%, compared to 5.3% in the previous month**. Despite positive developments, the government will continue to pay attention in addressing unemployment amongst the Rakyat.
18. These signs of recovery will sustain if the Rakyat continue to practice the new norms in their daily lives. The re-implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) as a whole will lead other issues including disrupting efforts to revive the economy, and the Government's focus in planning the Budget 2021 which will focus on reviving the economy as well as restoring investors' confidence.

To ensure the success of Budget 2021, the team from the Ministry of Finance continues the Jelajah Belanjawan 2021 to seek feedback from various communities and industries.

- a. Last week, the Ministry of Finance's team attended the dialogue session ***Townhall Selangor Youths have a SAY!*** organised by the **Selangor Youth Community - SAY** Community with DYTm Raja Muda Selangor Tengku Amir Shah, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah, Chairman of Sunway Group, representatives of NGOs, ministries and corporations, and the youth. All inputs by the participants of the programme will be taken into consideration and assessed accordingly to ensure that the youths receive support in terms of good public education and economy so that they can be independent, remain competitive and be successful.

- b. The Jelajah Belanjawan 2021 continued in Penang last weekend which involved several dialogue and focus group sessions covering various industries. These include the medical devices group and the Association of Malaysian Medical Industries (AMMI), InvestPenang, Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA), Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), ViTrox Campus 2.0 which is a leading local electrical & electronics (E&E) company, and Think City HQ.

19. The input received will be taken into consideration to ensure that Budget 2021 is Rakyat and business friendly. All members of the public, businesses and relevant parties are invited to submit their views and suggestions on Budget 2021 to belanjawan2021@treasury.gov.my. Feedback is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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APPENDIX – PRIHATIN ACHIEVEMENTS

OBJECTIVE 1: PROTECTING THE RAKYAT		
1	EPF iLestari Programme	a. As of 31 July 2020, the cumulative withdrawal amount between April to July 2020 is RM 5.71 billion (an increase from RM 5.66 billion a week ago), involving 4.5 million recipients (an increase from 4.48 million recipients). b. EPF provides free Retirement Advisory Service (RAS) to facilitate retirement planning. Information on this service can be found at https://www.kwsp.gov.my/ms/member/retirement-advisory-service and it is open to the public, including non-EPF members.
2	Taxi Drivers	The government has channeled aid to 29,665 taxi drivers (an increase from 29,193 taxi drivers) amounting to RM17.8 million (an increase from RM17.5 million) for the first phase recipients. For the second phase recipients, payment was made starting 22 July 2020 , involving 4,814 taxi drivers . As of 31 st July 2020, a total of 1,376 taxi drivers has received payments for phase two, amounting to RM825,000 .
3	Tourist Guides	Up to 31 st July 2020, a total of 7,570 tourist guides (an increase from 7,547 tourist guides) have received assistance amounting to RM4.54 million (an increase from RM4.53 million).
4	Tour Bus Drivers	Payment to 3,104 tour bus drivers has been made, starting 22 nd July 2020. As of 31 st July 2020, 2,870 tour bus drivers has received aid amounting to RM1.7 million.
OBJECTIVE 2: SUPPORTING BUSINESSES		
5.	EPF's Covid-19 Assistance Program (e-CAP) for Employers	As of 31 July 2020, 65,986 applications (an increase from 65,122 applications a week ago) has been received and from that, 12,425 applications have been approved amounting to RM82.1 million (an increase from RM80.9 million a week ago) for the employers' EPF contributions.

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6.	SME Soft Loans Funds administered by Bank Negara Malaysia	As of 31st July 2020, approved applications by local banks and accepted by SMEs amounted to RM9.63 billion (an increase from RM9.42 billion a week ago) and this will benefit 21,410 SMEs (an increase from 21,063 a week ago). This total includes the Special Relief Facility, Automation & Digitalisation Facility, All-Economic Sector Facility dan Agrofood Facility funds. <table><tr><th>SME Soft Loans Funds</th><th>Approved and Accepted Amount* (RM billion)</th><th>Number of SMEs*</th></tr><tr><td>31 July</td><td>9.6</td><td>21,410</td></tr><tr><td>24 July</td><td>9.4</td><td>21,063</td></tr><tr><td>20 July</td><td>9.2</td><td>20,815</td></tr><tr><td>10 July</td><td>9.1</td><td>20,545</td></tr><tr><td>3 July</td><td>8.8</td><td>20,104</td></tr><tr><td>26 June</td><td>8.4</td><td>19,539</td></tr><tr><td>19 June</td><td>8.2</td><td>19,253</td></tr><tr><td>12 June</td><td>7.8</td><td>18,449</td></tr><tr><td>5 June</td><td>7.5</td><td>18,227</td></tr><tr><td>31 May</td><td>6.9</td><td>16,833</td></tr><tr><td>17 May</td><td>5.8</td><td>14,075</td></tr><tr><td>10 May</td><td>4.7</td><td>11,975</td></tr></table>	SME Soft Loans Funds	Approved and Accepted Amount* (RM billion)	Number of SMEs*	31 July	9.6	21,410	24 July	9.4	21,063	20 July	9.2	20,815	10 July	9.1	20,545	3 July	8.8	20,104	26 June	8.4	19,539	19 June	8.2	19,253	12 June	7.8	18,449	5 June	7.5	18,227	31 May	6.9	16,833	17 May	5.8	14,075	10 May	4.7	11,975													
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7.	BSN Micro Credit Scheme	As of 31 st July 2020, funds has been disbursed to 8,738 SMEs (an increase from 7,949 a week ago) totalling RM302.2 million (an increase from RM278 million a week ago)						
8.	TEKUN Programme	As of 31 st July 2020, funds has been disbursed to 24,465 SMEs (an increase from 24,187 a week ago) totalling RM183.55 million (an increase from RM181 million a week ago)						