

KPDNHEP plans to give zakat to recipients of Food Bank Siswa Programme

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 – The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) plans to give zakat (tithe) to university students who benefit from the Food Bank Siswa programme next year.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said the tithe contribution would help to ease the financial burden of the students concerned.

He said the zakat collection to be distributed to the students would be tithe payment collected by agencies under the ministry such as the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).

"This assistance is significant to help the students so that they can focus on their studies, he told reporters after attending the Ministerial Talk Session and launch of Mahabbah Food Bank at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

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To date, the Food BankMalaysia programme has been launched at 20 public institutions of higher learning and benefited 6,470 students nationwide.

The media recently reported that KPDNHEP would expand the Food Bank Siswa programme to 123 campuses of institutions of higher learning in the country by next year.

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