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Tabung Haji to pay out RM2.46b bonus

KUALA LUMPUR: Lembaga Tabung Haji yesterday announced a bonus payment of RM2.46 billion for its more than 7 million depositors this year.

This golden jubilee bonus is made up of a 6.5 per cent annual bonus (RM2.13 billion) and 1.5 per cent from the special bonus (RM325 million) bringing the total sum to 8 per cent.

The bonus rate was the highest since the inception of Tabung Haji 50 years ago, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom at a press conference at the Tabung Haji headquarters here yesterday.

"This is Tabung Haji's gift of appreciation to all its consistent and loyal depositors throughout these years," he said.

The depositors can check their ac-

counts for the bonus payment from Sunday.

He said the annual bonus of RM2.13 billion for last year was an increase of 27 per cent compared with the RM1.68 billion in 2011.

He said the total golden jubilee bonus of RM2.46 billion included a deduction of RM47 million for business zakat.

Last year, Tabung Haji depositors received a bonus payment of 6 per cent for the year 2011, 0.5 per cent higher than in 2010 and 1 per cent higher than in 2009.

Jamil Khir said for the past seven years, Tabung Haji investments have shown positive results and contributed to the consistent increase in the bonus rate for its depositors.

"Tabung Haji's annual bonus can

be considered 'competitive' when we take into account that it has a syariah-compliant policy with regard to its investment.

"In addition, it managed to step up its financial achievement last year by recording a stable earning of more than RM2 billion for three consecutive years since 2010."

He said for the first time last year, it achieved its target of a net profit of RM2 billion after achieving a net profit of RM1 billion for the past five consecutive years.

One of Tabung Haji's primary source of income is its investment in property and assets.

For last year, he said Tabung Haji continued to record a healthy increase of 22 per cent in total property and asset investment from RM31.4 billion in 2011 to RM38.4 billion.