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EPF members can use RM3,000 for haj

KUALA LUMPUR: Effective Jan 1, Muslim contributors to the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) will be able to withdraw up to RM3,000 from their Account 2 to finance part of their haj cost.

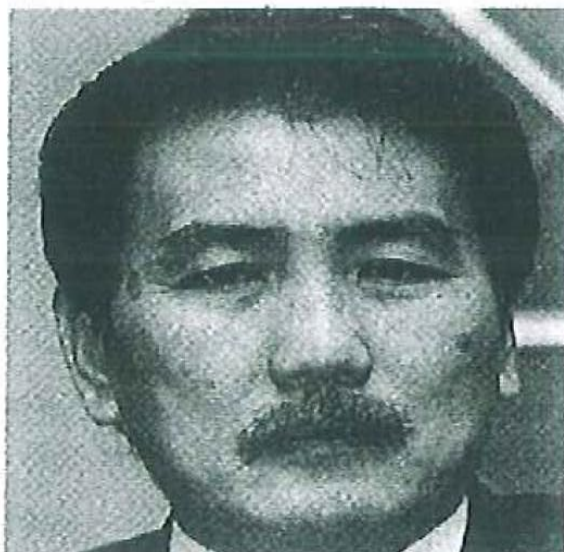
EPF deputy chief executive officer, Datuk Ibrahim Taib, said members below the age of 55 who had received an offer letter to perform their haj from Lembaga Tabung Haji (LTH) were eligible to withdraw the amount.

"However, members need to be mindful that they are allowed to apply for this withdrawal once in their lifetime and only if they have insufficient savings in LTH to finance the basic cost."

Application of the withdrawal can be made at any EPF branch. Members should come in person and bring along their MyKad, offer letter from LTH and latest updated LTH savings account book.

"Members are reminded to submit their application at least three working days before the final date of acceptance stated in the offer letter.

"This will enable EPF to process



*EPF deputy chief executive officer **Datuk Ibrahim Taib** says members below 55 years old are eligible for the withdrawal*

and credit the money into their LTH account accordingly."

Ibrahim also advised members that the money could only be used for the purpose of performing the haj.

The 2013 Budget tabled in September stated that contributors are allowed to withdraw up to RM3,000 for the Jemaah Muassasah package.