

PIDM working on consumer protection

KUALA LUMPUR: National deposit insurer Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corp (PIDM) is working on a comprehensive package to enhance consumer protection in the event that guarantees on deposits lapse after December 2010.

To contain the effects of the global financial crisis, Malaysia announced guarantees on all deposits placed with financial institutions in October last year.

The deposits are guaranteed through PIDM until December 2010.

Chief executive officer Jean Pierre Sabourin said a comprehensive package to enhance consumer protection in deposits placed in financial institutions would be announced by year-end.

"Recent global experiences have demonstrated the consequences of a financial crisis can be large and costly.

"This has impressed upon us the necessity of being ready to carry out our mandate at all times," Sabourin told a press conference in conjunction with the

release of PIDM's 2009 annual report.

He said it was important for the banking system and key partners to work closely with PIDM to promote the stability of the Malaysian financial system.

For the financial year ended Dec 31, 2009, PIDM recorded total revenue of RM139.4mil, comprising RM131.8mil in premiums and RM7.6mil in investment income.

Operating expenditure totalled RM44.9mil, resulting in a net surplus of RM94.5mil. — Bernama



Consequences of a financial crisis can be costly, says Jean Pierre Sabourin.

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