

Nearly 1.9 million tax evasion cases solved in 2012, says IRB

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The Inland Revenue Board Malaysia (IRB) managed to solve nearly 1.9 million tax evasion cases last year to recoup an additional RM2.94 billion in revenue.

IRB chief executive officer Tan Sri Dr Mohd Shukor Mahfar said the number of such cases solved last year had also tripled from the 636,000 in 2011.

"Our action against the tax evaders was instigated through a special taskforce constituted in 2011. Our auditing and enforcement was also further stepped up last year," he said in his speech at the EY Young Tax Professional of the Year 2013 (YTPY) Malaysia prize giving ceremony in Kuala Lumpur today.

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The text of his speech was read by his deputy, Abd Aziz Hashim.

Mohd Shukor said the board's improved performance could be attributed to the implementation of performance targets for a number of its activities and not just revenue collection.

He added that among the indicators were uncollected accounts, the conclusion of external audits, actual repayments received, successful investigations and an increased use of IRBM electronic services, such as e-filing and m-filing.

He said the board's success was a boon to the government, which is committed to a continued reduction in the country's fiscal deficit, while also raising public investment spending.

Mohd Shukor said the board's effort to provide better services also received higher satisfaction review from customers.

"Our May 2013 client charter assessment shows that we have achieved a success rate of 90 per cent and above in meeting each of the key performance indices of the charter.

"This reflects our positive response to the public demand for better service," he added.

Last year, the IRB collected RM124 billion in tax revenue, an increase of 13.8 per cent from RM109.6 billion in 2011.

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