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Ismail Sabri with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed (second from right) at the launch yesterday. – BERNAMAPIX

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SHAH ALAM: Based on the 2020 Population and Housing Census, Malaysia's population stands at 32.4 million, registering a compound annual growth rate of 1.7% over a 10-year period.

Malaysians made up 29.8 million or 91.7% of the population while non-citizens accounted for 2.7 million or 8.3%, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob when launching the Report on Key Findings of Population and Housing Census 2020 yesterday.

He added 52.3% of the population are men and 47.7% women, giving a ratio of 110 men to 100 women.

"The census also shows that women outnumber men in the Federal Territory of Putrajaya at a ratio of 100 women to 96 men."

Statistics on ethnic groups reveal that bumiputras account for 69.4%, followed by Chinese (23.2%), Indians (6.7%) and others (0.7%).

In terms of age groups, 6.8% are aged 65 and above, 69.3% are of working age (15 to 64 years) and the balance of 24% are categorised as young (0 to 14 years).

"Senior citizens or those aged 60 and above account for 10.4% (3.4 million), compared with 8% (2.2 million) in 2010.

"The 'young' age group registered a drop from 27.6% in 2010 to 24% in 2020," he added.

Ismail Sabri said 9.6 million places of residence were recorded, with 8.2 million households having an average size of 3.8 members.

He said the 2020 census would be a new benchmark for the government to formulate development policies for the people's well-being. It would also serve as a comprehensive input for implementing existing policies such as the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, 12th Malaysia Plan and Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

He said the Statistics Department had established strategic cooperation with ministries, state government agencies and local authorities, as well as the private sector and society in general to ensure the integrity of the census data.

Ismail Sabri urged the people to utilise data and information for life management to produce a civilisation with critical and analytical thinking. – Bernama