

LIAM proposes higher tax relief

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PETALING JAYA: The Life Insurance Association of Malaysia (LIAM) has proposed that the tax relief for medical and education insurance policies be increased to RM6,000 from RM3,000 per year in Budget 2017.

“The current tax relief of RM3,000 for premiums paid for medical and education policies is insufficient to cater to both healthcare and education.

“The cost of medical insurance for an average family of two adults and three children is around RM2,500 per annum at the lower end.

“This leaves only about RM500 per annum premium for savings towards the education of the three children in a typical family.

“As such, LIAM would like to propose that the current tax relief of RM3,000 be increased to RM6,000 for medical and education insurance,” the association said in a statement.

LIAM has also proposed that the current combined tax relief of RM6,000 for the Employees Provident Fund and life insurance be separated.