

OSK starts estate admin trust

KUALA LUMPUR: OSK Trustees Bhd has launched the country's first estate administration trust to complement its range of financial planning tools.

A unique feature of the trust is it allows funds, usually from insurance policies, to be used immediately to settle debt and expenses following a person's demise.

Chief operating officer Ong Eu Jin said the assets of a person were normally frozen for a period of time upon his death until probate or the letters of administration were obtained.

"This delays any monies belonging to the estate of the deceased to be used for settling the deceased's debt as well as expenses arising directly from his passing, for months or

possibly even years.

"Under the Estate Administration Trust, a client is ensuring that the necessary funds will be disbursed for the administration of his or her estate without unnecessary delay and interruption," he said at the launch of the trust yesterday.

Ong said the estate administration trust would be funded by the client's life insurance. He said people with a minimum RM80,000 life insurance and wills should seriously consider the product.

"Estate administration trust bridges an important gap between the passing of a person and when the probate or letters of administration are issued. It ensures money is available immediately when the

family of the deceased needs it most," he said.

Ong said OSK Trustees had set a modest target of signing up about 1,000 clients a month by year-end.

"It is a new product, so our emphasis is to create more awareness among Malaysians on the benefits of estate administration trust. We are confident more people will sign up with us when they realise the benefits of the products," he said.

Ong said OSK Trustees had 50 branches and thousands of agents in the country to provide advice on estate administration trust.

He said the company, a member of the OSK group, would go on a road show to promote the product and will-writing from May 27.



Ong Eu Jin (second from left) posing with OSK Trustees chairman Datuk Nik Yahya (second from right) at the launching. With them are OSK Trustees managers Tan Kien Teck and Joyce Lim