DESPITE the cautious outlook for the economy, directors in Malaysia generally received higher compensation last year than in 2010 – to the tune of RM2.2 billion, or RM230 million more – as seen from our survey of 621 Bursa Malaysia-listed companies. Genting Bhd once again tops the list, paying its key executive in the region of RM113 million. But this time, the quantum of increase is only 5.9% compared with 2010’s almost 20%. While still hefty by local standards, at least one could argue it’s justified given the gaming and leisure group’s immense profits and the fact that talent doesn’t come cheap. What is perhaps untenable are the several loss-making companies that saw it fit to reward their top executives big time. Compare that to some heavyweights on the list that downsized their directors’ payouts despite maintaining very respectable bottomlines!
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