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218,585 smart passports issued so far

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - A total of 218,585 machine readable passports or smart passports were issued as of Dec 22 last year, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali said today.

He said 216,523 of the smart passports issued were of the 32 pages and the others 64 pages.

The smart passport was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on March 23 last year.

Speaking to reporters after launching the smart passport at the Immigration office here, Tajol Rosli said 34 smart passport processing centres had been set up throughout the country.

Tajol Rosli said so far there had been no cases of discrepancies on the issuance of smart passports compared to the old passports which were prone to falsification.

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