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RM99 MILLION INFO SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

SHAH ALAM, April 1 (Bernama) -- Malaysia today moved another step forward towards creation of an electronic government with the signing of an agreement for the implementation of a Human Resources Management Information System (HRMIS).

The HRMIS provides greater efficiency in the management of human resources in the civil service from the day a person is appointed until the day he retires.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali signed the RM99 million agreement for the electronic government flagship under the government's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project.

The MRCB Multimedia Consortium Sdn Bhd, a consortium of 18 companies, which won the project was represented at the signing ceremony here by its executive chairman Datuk Khalid Ahmad.

Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Leo Moggie who represented Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad witnessed the signing.

Abdul Halim said the implementation of the HRMIS would ensure effective deployment of human resources in government agencies and faster retrieval of such information.

"This will enable more effective planning where excess resources can be deployed to under staffed agencies. The civil service will perform better if civil servants are appointed to posts according to their skills and capabilities," he said.

The HRMIS project will be implemented in two phases, the first covering 10 pioneer agencies comprising Public Services Department (PSD), Chief Executive Management Information System Unit (SMPKE) in the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysian Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu), Health Ministry, Veterinary Services Department, Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara), Sarawak State Government, Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS) and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

Under the second phase, the project will be expanded to cover other government departments and agencies, state civil service commissions, federal and state statutory bodies and local government authorities.

He said the development and implementation of phase one was expected to take 24 months with the whole project to be completed in 42 months.

The consortium will among others be responsible for the management, development, supply, installation, maintenance and support service of HRMIS to the government.

He said the government was confident that the consortium was capable of implementing the project as its selection was made based on the assesment of the Concept Request for Proposal for the electronic government in 1997.

Abdul Halim told a news conference later that the structure of the civil service would definitely change to reflect its needs.

The size of the teaching and medical service for example would be increased to meet increase in the population while some service would be reduced, he said.

However, Abdul Halim gave assurance that in departments where the staff would be reduced, those affected would be retrained and absorbed into other agencies.

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