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Jupem the first govt agency to go fully e-commerce

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THE Department of Survey and Mapping (Jupem) has become the first public agency to fully use electronic commerce (e-commerce) in its transactions. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch Jupem's RM40 million e-commerce project when he visits the Land and Cooperative Development Ministry on October 24.

Announcing this yesterday, Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam said the project is part of the ministry's upgrading of its agencies and departments towards using information technology (IT).

Jupem had introduced the e-commerce in its transaction activities in February.

"The implementation of the e-commerce would enable clients to obtain survey information electronically via the Internet," he said at a media briefing after attending this week's Cabinet meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Under Jupem's e-commerce, Kasitah said clients can use two modes of payment, either through credit card or a pre-paid service.

If the customers choose to use a credit card, he said they will be given two options whether to use the secure electronic transaction protocol or the "e-wallet" for direct transaction.

On the converse, he said those who want to use the pre-paid mode, will have to register with any Jupem's counters in each states, with a minimum deposit of RM200.

"They only need to go to Jupem's counter once and later transact through the Internet. This is the first mode of payment that was introduced in February, while the credit card usage will be launched by the Prime Minister during his visit," he said.

The department has received overwhelming response from customers since the introduction of its e-commerce, particularly from the registered surveyors. It expects new clients among developers, lawyers and accountants to use Jupem's e-commerce.

Among the products to be sold via the Internet are the digital cadastral survey data and certified image plan for lands that had been surveyed.

Through the Internet service, Kasitah said supply of these products can be made immediately to those involved in the planning and implementation of national land development.

Besides the launching of Jupem's e-commerce, Kasitah said the ministry will showcase its other electronic projects, including the National Land Infrastructure System (NaLIS) and the Malaysia Active Global Positioning System (MASS).

Under NaLIS, he said the ministry will serve as a one-stop agency to disseminate information from various ministries to the public through the Internet.

"The Government has given the task to the ministry to gather all the information pertaining to land matter from various ministries, agencies and departments and disseminate them to the public on-line," he said.

On MASS, he said this project was established to create a network of permanent global positioning system (GPS) stations to track certain things 24 hours. For this purpose, he said the Government has built 15 MASS stations nationwide, mainly in strategic areas, especially near beaches.

"The data gathered will be recorded and kept to determine the earth position. This is to establish a national coordination reference system,

supply GPS database to clients in the surveying and mapping activities, monitor the earth movement, and do scientific research," he said.

Apart from these facilities, he said the ministry will also showcase other electronic gadgets such as the Cadaster Survey equipment, topography, e-map, Computerised Land Registration System, Faraid system and the military Geography Information System.

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