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SURVEY AND MAPPING DEPARTMENT SELLING MAPS VIA INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Survey and Mapping Department (JUPEM) is selling topography maps via the Internet, making it the first government agency to implement e-commerce in totality in the country.

"The business (e-commerce) referred to is the sale of topography maps via the Internet to enable the public and professionals like lawyers to get them easily and speedily," Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam said today.

He said those wishing to buy maps online needed to open an account with JUPEM to get access.

He was speaking to reporters after attending a ceremony to mark the department's success in getting the MS ISO 9002 certificate here.

However, information on strategic and sensitive places like military camps would be omitted from the maps, he said.

"The maps will be issued subject to approval from the relevant authorities because it involves national security," he said.

The department's e-commerce facility is expected to be officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in September or October.

In his speech, Kasitah said he was proud of JUPEM's proactive approach in taking up the challenge to improve the standard of service in the public sector.

With the ISO certification, JUPEM is now among the 10 percent or 78 out of 781 government agencies to have gained the quality assurance recognition.

The certification is for the publication of topography maps for mapping processes carried out by the JUPEM headquarters and cadaster survey service for preparation of land ownership documents undertaken by its Selangor and Kuala Lumpur offices.

"I was given to understand that JUPEM is taking steps to widen the scope of implementation for the MS ISO 9002 quality system to all states as the core business registered has been implemented at all state JUPEM," he said.

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