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NATIONAL ARCHIVES INTRODUCES E-SPARK TO CONSERVE GOVT RECORDS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- The National Archives will introduce a new system to conserve important Government records and documents from all departments, its Director-General, Hajah Rahani Jamil, said today.

The system, known as Strategi Pemuliharaan Arkib dan Rekod Kerajaan (e-SPARK) or Government Records and Archives Conservation Strategy, would be the guideline for all Government departments in conserving their records which starts from the opening of a file and ends during the disposal of a file.

Rahani said e-SPARK was in line with the Government's policy to implement a fully electronic Government.

"A lot of documents sent via e-mail, for instance, were not recorded properly and most of the time, we don't realise they are lost," she said.

The project began six months ago and is now 70 per cent complete.

e-SPARK is expected to be fully completed in April.

"This project ensures that important and valuable Government files will be conserved as reference for future generations," she told Bernama after a luncheon in conjunction with the opening of Galeria Perdana here today.

Galeria Perdana was the former official residence of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the country's fourth Prime Minister, from August 1983 to October 1999. Tun Dr Mahathir then moved to the Prime Minister's new official residence in Putrajaya.

The gallery, which displays Tun Dr Mahathir's official and unofficial collections and mementos, was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Dec 20.

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