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Low registration for GST

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Secretariat: Not many Indian businessmen signing up for the tax

KUALA LUMPUR: The number of registrants for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) among Indian entrepreneurs has remained low, at a mere 3%.

To give its effort a boost, the Secretariat for Empowerment of Indian Entrepreneurs (SEED) in the Prime Minister's Department is turning to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong (pic) and Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Chua Tee Yong to explain the

GST move to the entrepreneurs in a seminar on Saturday.

SEED executive director Dr A.T. Kumararajah said about 1,000 entrepreneurs would attend the seminar organised by the Customs Department.

"This will be one of the largest seminars organised for the GST. The event has been tailored to creating awareness and addressing the spe-



cific sectorial needs of the entrepreneurs," he added.

He said SEED and the Customs GST Unit had established links with 14 major Indian trade organisations which had a total membership of 14,000.

Dr Kumararajah said Chua would also launch a GST Guide Book at the event. He said participants could also apply for a RM1,000 GST e-voucher from SME Corp.

SEED was established under the Indian Community ETP Unit of the PM's Department to help Indian entrepreneurs.

Its main tasks are credit facilitation, providing credit risk management, business advice and facilitating government-linked company vendor development programmes.

The seminar will be held at the Pullman Hotel in Bangsar. For enquiries, call Aishya at 017-2000725.