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I will explain GST: Najib

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> I will tell how tax will be used after first amount collected, says Najib

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PUTRAJAYA: The government will explain how the funds from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be used after the first amount is collected, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

Stressing that the benefits of the GST implementation will be seen in the long term, he urged the people to give time for the results to be known.

"We must find a stronger revenue for our country; hence, the implementation of GST. It may not be popular in the country, but the government is aligning itself with the implementation," he told civil servants under the Prime Minister's Department at its monthly assembly here yesterday.

Admitting there have been shortcomings in GST enforcement, he gave an assurance that all the shortcomings will be addressed.

Najib said the authorities are taking action against irresponsible businesses that have hiked prices of goods and services, which is causing a burden to the people.

Meanwhile, GST will not be imposed on life-assisting aid for people with disabilities registered under the Social Welfare Department, said Customs GST division director Datuk Subromaniam Tholasy yesterday.

He said the public, especially the disabled, are still unaware of such an exemption.

In another development, Penang and Terengganu will emulate Johor in absorbing the GST on local government services.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said both the Penang Island City Council and the

Seberang Perai Municipal Council will start to absorb the tax from July 1.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, Bernama reports that the Terengganu state government will absorb the GST imposed on services provided by the state's local authorities.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman said the GST absorption of RM1.6 million took effect immediately.

He told reporters yesterday the City Council will absorb a total of RM1.231 million while the municipality, a total of RM862,966.19 for this year.

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He added that these services included parking, cleaning services, rentals of wet market stalls, stalls in complexes and halls.

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A round of applause for Najib at the monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday.