

## MYSEJAHTERA APP

# ‘PROVIDE FULL DISCLOSURE OF DEAL’

## Govt must explain transfer of ownership to MySJ to address concerns, says economist

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**T**HERE needs to be full disclosure and transparency over the MySejahtera deal, said economists, after reports surfaced that the Covid-19 contact tracing application dispute may risk the private health data of Malaysians.

According to a CodeBlue report, there was a deal between Entomo Malaysia Sdn Bhd (formerly known as KPISoft Malaysia Sdn Bhd) and MySJ Sdn Bhd, with the latter agreeing to pay RM338.6 million for the MySe-

jahtera intellectual property and software licence.

The payment was described as the aggregate fees for the transfer of intellectual property of the app and licensing fees for the software.

Putra Business School Assoc Prof Dr Ahmed Razman Abdul Latif said the government needed to explain its contract agreement with Entomo.

He said the government must also explain who exactly owned the software, who filed for its protection and licensed it, and held the collected user data.

“The government also needs to explain and justify the transfer of software ownership to MySJ.

“There are lots of speculation at



*MySJ Sdn Bhd recently agreed to pay Entomo Malaysia Sdn Bhd, formerly known as KPISoft Malaysia Sdn Bhd, RM338.6 million for the MySejahtera intellectual property and software licence. BERNAMA PIC*

the moment, which will cause unhappiness and raise trust issues among the public, with them ending up boycotting the MySejahtera app due to privacy concerns.”

Economist Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam questioned why the government could not carry on implementing a system that had worked well in contact tracing for more than two years.

“Can people trust the government more, at this stage, than they would trust a company? And this (MySejahtera) contains personal and confidential data.

“I would prefer the government to continue and if there are any weaknesses in the app, tweak and

fix them.”

He said the issue could also lead to the suspicion of cronyism.

“That is why this must be debated in Parliament. The government must be fully transparent regarding this deal,” he added.

A quick check on its website showed that Entomo has regional headquarters in Singapore, the United States, the United Arab Emirates and Austria.

Entomo’s chairman is Dr Finian Tan, who is listed as a venture capitalist and entrepreneur.

He is also the founder and current chairman of Vickers Venture Partners, an international venture capital firm with a presence

in Singapore, Shanghai, New York, Hong Kong, San Diego, San Francisco and here.

Entomo’s founder and group chief executive officer is Ravee Ramamoothie, who has been with the company for 17 years.

Meanwhile, those who sit on MySJ’s board of directors reportedly included former Sapura Energy Bhd chief executive officer Tan Sri Shahril Shamsuddin, Sime Darby Plantation Bhd non-executive chairman Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Megat Khas, Eco World Development Group Bhd executive chairman Tan Sri Liew Kee Sin and its chief financial officer Datuk Heah Kok Boon.