

Central Database Hub to be launched today

KUALA LUMPUR: The Central Database Hub, a system containing individual and household profiles of citizens and permanent residents in the country will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre today.

The ceremony, which is scheduled to be held from 8.30am to 2pm, will include a presentation on the hub by Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin and a forum titled Driving Transition Through *Padu*.

The Economy Ministry, in a post on its Facebook page, announced that the *Padu*

system or hub would be open to all Malaysians after the launching ceremony.

The objective of the Central Database Hub is to provide a safe, comprehensive and near real-time national main database that enables more accurate data analytics to be produced, policy formulation and data-driven decision-making processes, as well as targeted policy implementation to balance the fiscal position.

Profile information will be obtained through the integration of administrative data from various sources while a part of it will be updated by individuals, *Bernama* reported.

The implementation of the system is to improve management efficiency, facilitating the collection, storage and management of data from various sources.

It also aims to improve the delivery of government services in a better and more efficient way. Apart from effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of national policies, the integrated and centralised database is able to save resources significantly.

Citizens aged 18 and above need to register and check data on the hub's portal as well as verify 39 required personal information details.