

Lumut Navy MCTC to Start Providing Services From Today
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LUMUT, March 4 (Bernama) -- The Military Community Transformation Centre (MCTC) based at the naval base here, replicating the rural transformation centre (RTC) concept, will start providing various services and sales from Tuesday.

Navy Commander Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Haji Jaafar said apart from the Lumut TLDM base here, another two MCTC would be set up by the government at Kem Desa Pahlawan Kok Lanas, Kelantan and Kem Pangkalan Udara Labuan, Sabah.

"All the three MCTC are pilot projects initiated by the government to improve the quality of life for the military personnel, former personnel, families and local communities," he said when speaking at the launch of the MCTC's services at the TLDM base here.

He said MCTC was an idea under the National Blue Ocean Strategy Eight (NBOS 8) initiative that used a more creative and innovative approach involving collaboration between the various ministries, departments, state and federal agencies, local authorities and the private sector.

Government services such as the National Registration Department, Road Transport Department, Immigration Department besides private insurance entities, photography shops, beauty saloons, bakeries and FAMA Agrobazaar are provided.

Abdul Aziz said the Lumut MCTC complex, which was fully completed on Dec 26, last year was developed based on the existing infrastructure - old military court building.

He said there were five main MCTC initiatives, including providing comprehensive entrepreneurial assistance to family members of military personnel and making MCTV and Perwira Niaga Malaysia (Pernama) a part of the town transformation centre and RTC network.

"With the setting up of this MCTC complex, it not only benefits some 23,000 residents at the Lumut navy base but also the residents outside the base, who also enjoyed the services provided at MCTC," he said.

He said it could indirectly generate new sources of income for traders and services operators here.

MCTC is the best move to bring prosperity to the communities inside and outside the base as well as generate income and enjoy the benefits being provided, he said.

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