

**GST To Be Well-Accepted By Overall Public - Ibrahim
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PARIT, March 22 (Bernama) -- The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is expected to be well-accepted by the overall public following the various programmes to explain the need to implement the GST held across the country, Information director-general Datuk Ibrahim Abdul Rahman said.

So far, he said the public had also given a positive response towards the GST as briefings on the subject were given in a very easy-to-understand manner.

"We have less than a year before the GST is implemented in April 2015. With the various programmes we held, whether in urban and rural areas, to explain to the people about the GST so far, I believe that by the time we implement it, the issue of public understanding will be solved," he told reporters at the 'Jalanan Kasih' convoy and carnival programme here today.

Ibrahim said the Information Department was the agency responsible for disseminating public information and its information officers were trained to provide detailed explanation about the GST.

"We have also listed down all goods and services affected by the GST when giving explanation to the public, especially those in rural areas, so that they will be able to understand it better.

"Maybe they were not aware that 160 countries have implemented the GST and all of these countries are advancing. So, it's high time for Malaysia to implement such a good taxation system," he said.

He said traders were also encouraged to take part in the information programmes so that they could implement the GST better.

Meanwhile, Ibrahim said the carnival was aimed at bringing the department's personnel closer to the people in rural areas.

Among the activities lined up for the two-day carnival were Yasin recital and solat hajat, as well as visits to houses of poor people, he said.

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