

KPDNKK Takes On Role Of Creating Public Awareness On GST

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LUMUT, April 10 (Bernama) -- The Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) has been tasked with creating awareness among the public right down to the grassroots, on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) which was passed by Parliament on Monday.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Hasan Malek said the exercise would now include providing additional information such as the list of goods not affected by GST.

"We are prepared to hold dialogue sessions with traders and consumers on GST which will be implemented in April 2015.

"The ministry needs to ensure the price of goods will not be raised and the people should be prepared to accept GST which is a better taxation approach," he told reporters after visiting the Hawker Centre at the Lumut Jetty Thursday.

He said KPDNKK was working with other agencies and ministries such as the Customs Department and Finance Ministry to disseminate information on GST.

On Monday, the Dewan Rakyat passed the GST Bill through bloc voting.

On another development, Hasan said RM1.08 million had been approved under the 1Malaysia Hawkers Programme (PP1M) this year at six locations starting in June.

The six locations are the Traditional Market in Inanam (Sabah), Top Spot Kuching (Sarawak), Medan Selama Majlis Daerah Kuala Pilah (Negeri Sembilan), Food Court near Kuala Besut Jetty (Terengganu), Hawker Centre at Lumut Jetty (Perak) and Tamu Apin-Apin in Keningau (Sabah).

"PP1M is aimed at providing a new landscape and image for food courts and hawker centres to attract more tourists and visitors," said Hasan.

Since the launch of PP1M in October 2012, KPDNKK had built 19 hawker centres at selected spots nationwide with an allocation of RM4.3 million, he added.

Earlier, Hasan officially opened the 1Malaysia People's Store in Seri Manjung, near here, which began operation two years ago.

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