

Customs Plan To Add 1,000 New Officers Before GST Comes Into Force
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MELAKA, May 15 (Bernama) -- The Customs Department hope to employ another 1,000 new staff to carry out enforcement duties once the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is enforced on April 1, 2015.

Customs deputy director-general (Enforcement) Datuk Matrang Suhaili said the proposal had been put forward and was waiting for the approval from the Public Services Commission.

"We do not want to wait until the implementation of the GST before starting to recruit new staff but instead engage new staff and train them before the GST is implemented," he told reporters here Thursday.

Once implemented, the GST which is set at 6 per cent, will replace the current Sales and Service Tax, and aimed at strengthening the country's economy for the future.

"We need more trained and qualified officers to rebuff any attempts to fool the authorities because it will also involve the tourist refund scheme, once GST is implemented," said Matrang.

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