

Evaluate GST Based On Facts, Says PAC Chairman
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SHAH ALAM, May 21 (Bernama) -- The public have to evaluate the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) based on facts and not through perception, said Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed.

He said they should also be more diligent by searching for facts, including through the internet to get a better understanding of the implementation and importance of the GST.

"They could also make in-depth studies on the impact of the GST in countries that have implemented the tax system," he said at a discourse entitled 'GST: Who Will Likely Gain or Lose' organised by Sinar Harian here Wednesday.

The GST is set for implementation in April next year at a fixed rate of six per cent, replacing the Sales and Services Tax (SST) at 16 per cent.

Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations (Fomca) vice-president Muhammad Shaani Abdullah said the government should be more open in providing insight into the GST to avoid a misconception that the tax regime would burden the public.

Universiti Teknologi Mara's Professor of Strategic Management Prof Dr Faridah Hassan said the GST to be implemented in Malaysia would be at the lowest rate compared to developed countries like Norway at 21 per cent.

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