

Minimum 6 months for public to understand GST, says deputy minister – Bernama
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The Dewan Negara was today told that it takes about six months to one year, for the people to understand and adapt to the implementation of the goods and services tax (GST).

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Chua Tee Yong said there would be problems encountered during the early stages of GST implementation, as experienced by developed countries including Australia.

"The government will always ensure that authorities like the Royal Malaysian Customs and the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK), go down to the ground and help people to better understand the taxation system.

"The Customs, for example, will go down to the ground and advise traders about GST instead of imposing an immediate penalty," he said replying to a question from Senator Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki who asked on the government's efforts to help people to understand the GST.

Chua said KPDNKK will hold briefing for traders and consumers to enable them better understand the GST. – Bernama, April 13, 2015.

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