

**Ministry Discussing Improvements To GST Implementation - Hasan Malek**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 28 (Bernama) -- The Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) is discussing with the relevant agencies on improving the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), according to its minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek.

He said there were weaknesses and shortcomings that needed to be reviewed and overcome since the GST was implemented on April 1.

Hasan said the ministry had received 4,541 complaints on GST from April 1 to 30, and 1,685 complaints from May 1 to 26.

"From the complaints received, we will review and improve the implementation of GST so that it can benefit consumers," he told reporters, here, today.

Earlier, Hasan presented diplomas and certificates to 128 graduates of the Malaysian Cooperative College (MKM) during its 19th convocation ceremony, here, today.

He also said that MKM had introduced a six-month long Cooperative Career Training Scheme (SLKK) for its graduates, to gain work experience in the intricacies of managing cooperatives and its business activities.

"A total of 50 eligible students will be selected as the first group which will join the programme at selected cooperatives across the country," he said.

Hasan said SLKK participants would be placed in large cooperatives such as the Royal Malaysian Police Cooperative and Malaysian Armed Forces Cooperative, and would be given a monthly allowance of RM850 before being absorbed into permanent posts.

He said Institut Koperasi Malaysia or ICoop Malaysia would begin running its first academic session in July this year, with a total of 400 students.

During the ceremony, Hasan also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between MKM Global Holdings (MKMGH) Sdn Bhd and the Institute of Materials Malaysia (IMM), represented by MKMGH chairman Datuk Ismail Nordin and IMM president Prof Dr Mohd Kamal Harun.

The collaboration between MKMGH and IMM is to run two Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes, namely the Blaster & Painter Certification, and Welder Certification.

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