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PADU GOES LIVE

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launching the Central Database Hub (Padu) at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday. With him are (from left) Chief Statistician of Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli, Economy Ministry secretary-general Datuk Nor Azmie Diron and Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit director-general Datuk Budra Md Saad.

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'PADU TO PLUG LEAKS IN CHANNELLING AID'

PM urges Malaysians to update their data to ensure they don't miss out on aid, vows security of system

Moving away from B40, M40 and T20 concept

proximity to workplace and ownership of assets such as homes, vehicles and land.

"This approach allows the government to move away from the B40, M40 and T20 concept and focus more on providing assistance based on an established criteria of fairness," he said at the launch of Padu yesterday.

He said although Padu was developed with the Economy Ministry, Department of Statistics, Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit, ministries, agencies and state governments, the people needed to update information involving 39 variables themselves.

He said the updates would ensure the authenticity of information and data, thus enhancing the aid targeting mechanism and strengthen delivery channels.

Padu is part of the Govtech initiative to provide a secure, comprehensive and nearly real-time national database that enables more accurate data analytics.

Rafizi said the initiative focuses on restructuring the economy, making Malaysia a leading economy in Asia and giving the people a better quality of life.

On concerns over data leaks, he said the government established secure data handling, comprehensive standard operating procedures and appointed independent experts to ensure Padu had the latest and best security features.

A strategic cooperation was also initiated between the National Cyber Security Agency, Chief Government Security Officer's Office, CyberSecurity Malaysia and Personal Data Protection Department to enhance security, prevent data leaks and ensure the protection of personal data.