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e-Tanah land administration system to be expanded to more states, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's award-winning electronic land administration system (e-Tanah) will be expanded to more than seven states and territories nationwide, said Prime Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The system will be fully implemented in three years in an effort to modernise real estate facilities in line with the latest technological developments.

This, said Muhyiddin, would be done following its success in Kuala Lumpur and Perak, where it was developed via a joint effort between the public and private sectors (Kerjasama Awam Swasta or PPP).

"The federal government is forging ahead to expand the e-Tanah system via PPP collaborations to Putrajaya and Labuan, Selangor, Terengganu, Pahang, Johor, Kedah, Perlis and Kelantan.

The e-Tanah system is expected to be fully developed in all states and territories, and used comprehensively by 2024.

"I hope the widening of the e-Tanah system will bring positive impact and further increase the nation's productivity in the eyes of the world and attract more foreign investors.

"The digitalisation of inclusive government services across the board is one of our main agendas to ensure the success of Shared Prosperity Vision 2030. The approach is in line with the government's aspirations to provide the best services to all layers of society.

"I understand that the e-Tanah concession agreement for the Putrajaya and Labuan Lands and Mines director's office will be sealed today (yesterday)," said Muhyiddin.

The e-Tanah system was internationally recognised after receiving the Gold Award Public Sector at the Asean ICT Award 2018 in Indonesia.

The country's efforts to develop and transform land administration was also recognised by the World Bank in a Knowledge and Research – The Malaysia Development Experience Series report in 2017 titled "Enhancing Public Sector Performance: Malaysia's Experience with Transforming Land Administration", which was shared with other countries.

Malaysia, said Muhyiddin, also secured the 12th spot in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report last year, rising from 15th position in 2019.

He said this in his speech at the 5th National Land Day 2021 celebration themed "Facing Post

Covid-19 Challenges in Land Administration" held virtually yesterday.

Muhyiddin said he hoped a three-series webinar as part of a conference to mark the celebrations would produce new ideas in enhancing land administration matters and the ideas shared by panellists would be beyond ordinary. Present was Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr Shamsul Anuar Nasarah.

Muhyiddin said the move to widen the e-Tanah system was the government's commitment to ensure land policies and legislations were looked into and updated in line with the times and the needs of its customers, especially the rakyat.

Through the National Land Council meeting, the federal and state governments would discuss

matters related to national policies to manage, develop and supervise the use of land at respective levels for mining, agricultural and forestry purposes.

Muhyiddin said he had twice chaired the meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic, the first at its 77th meeting on Sept 8 last year during the Recovery Movement Control Order and its 78th meeting on Jan 29 this year via video conference.

The pilot e-Tanah system, he said, kicked off at the Kuala Lumpur Lands and Mines director's office in 2017.

In the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic last year, Muhyiddin said, the system eased land-related matters done via online such as payment of taxes, application of ownership transfers and land mortgages, as well as private searches. **By Dawn Chan**

