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Public Sector Open Data Hackathon 2016 Starts Today

CYBERJAYA, Oct 25 (Bernama) - The 48 hour Public Sector Open Data Hackathon 2016 which starts today, provides the space for sharing of knowledge towards improving the quality of digital services in the public service.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun said an open data environment enables the use of data for more effective analysis and as a platform for feedback from the public in a variety of media.

Analysis of the Open Data Barometer 2015 shows that Malaysia lack a set of data on crime, company registration and the performance of the health sector.

"I hope this Hackathon can generate analytical data systematically for the implementation of open data and data analytics of the public sector in future," he said when opening the competition, here today.

Some 132 people representing the public sector, industries, public universities and secondary schools joined the Open Data Hackathon organised by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu).

Entulu said some 1,336 open data sets were available in the Public Sector Open Data Portal and hope that the target of 1,500 open data sets can be reached before year end.

The Department of Statistics, the Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MaCGDI) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment are the leading providers of open data sets.

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