

Digital plan to connect govt, people and private sector

KANGAR: The state government has introduced the Perlis Digital Plan 2025 as an initial step to connect the government, people and private sector through digital platforms.

State secretary Azman Mohd Yusof said the plan was mooted during the tabling of the state budget last year.

“The main focus of the Perlis Digital Plan 2025 is to involve three main elements, namely the government, the people and the private sector, which is more holistic, comprehensive and does not only focus on one party,” he said recently.

Azman said the plan, which will be officially launched next month, had seven clusters, namely govern-

ment, security, infrastructure, community, economy, tourism and agriculture as well as security, which is the most important one.

“Digital security is important when all business is done digitally, whether it involves the public, the government or the private sector,” he said.

“The initial step to empower this element is important in ensuring that there is no cyberthreat from outsiders.”

Since Perlis is an agriculture-based state, Azman said the state government would like to see changes in this sector when digital applications would be used to manage crop production such as the use of drones in collecting water man-

agement data on agricultural land.

He said the plan was set up specifically for Perlis based on the master plan of the National Digital Network (Jendela) under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025).

“We need to set up our own plan because the situation in Perlis is different from other states. For example, the broadband infrastructure in the Klang Valley is more advanced than here,” he noted.

Azman added that under the initial step of the Perlis Digital Plan 2025, the state government would focus on programmes to inculcate the “digital culture” to educate the community through a digital government platform.

Azman said among the initiatives

that had been carried out were the Cashless Perlis programme, virtual adventures at Perlis Digital Geopark and Masjid Digital.

Meanwhile, a government pensioner, Maimunah Ismail, 64, welcomed the state government’s effort.

She said digital technology was important when almost all daily affairs, such as paying utility bills, buying goods and bank transactions, were done online.

For Nur Ris’lah Muzaim, 23, digital technology has its pros and cons.

“It may be a burden for the elderly because they do not have the access and are more comfortable with the old system,” added Nur Ris’lah. — Bernama