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Yahya: e-State Govt applications still not 100pc utilised

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KOTA KINABALU: The e-State Government applications are still not 100 per cent utilised by the civil service staff, although they have already been trained to use them.

Deputy Chief Minister cum Agriculture and Food Industry Minister, Datuk Yahya Hussin, in expressing concern, said this is probably because of their attitude of taking lightly the implementation of these applications.

He wants the heads of departments and agencies, particularly under the Ministry, to ensure every online application prepared is fully utilised by all officers and staff under their responsibility.

Apart from that, he also urged the heads of departments and agencies, together with the Chief Information Officers (CIO) and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Committees to discuss and come up with more applications that can be developed to further improve services to people in the State.

"I would like to see the "Green IT" concept, which is an environmentally friendly concept that currently talked about worldwide, be implemented by our Ministry as well as our departments and agencies, because it saves costs on papers and electricity," he said.

According to Online Service Status Report for 2013 released by MAMPU, the Sabah State Government is second for having the most online services after Perak.

But this is not something that people can be proud of if the applications are not fully utilised, said Yahya when officiating at the opening of an ICT Seminar 2014 for the Ministry and department/agency at Wisma Pertanian here Thursday.

Yahya also took the opportunity to remind civil service staff not to abuse the computers provided to them by the government for them by using them to access online social networking sites for personal reasons.