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Malaysia To Have National Single Window By Year-end

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will have its National Single Window ready by year-end to embrace the Asean Single Window next year, Dagang Net Technologies Sdn Bhd's chief operating officer Zaharin Ali said today.

"We are looking at preparing the Malaysian Single Window so that we can embrace the Asean Single Window when it comes about," he told reporters after the opening of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/Asean Cross-Border Facilitation Workshop here.

The Single Window system is aimed at facilitating trade. As such, the implementation of the system enables international (cross-border) traders to submit regulatory documents at a single location and/or single entity.

Such documents are typically customs declarations, applications for import and export permits as well as other supporting documents such as certificates of origin and trading invoices.

Zaharin said the concept was to build a single gateway where all the Asean countries would be able to tap on a singular database for sharing of information.

"So, what is offered in one customs department is also offered at the other customs departments in the region," he said.

Zaharin said the company had been commissioned to develop, maintain and operate the National Single Window.

"There are five core services in the first stage of the National Single Window and we are ready with four. The fifth service is to be officially launched or started on Jan 1, 2009," he said.

The five services are electronic customs declarations, electronic duty payments, electronic manifests, electronic permits and electronic preferential certificates of origin.

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