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No increase in GST next year

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD: Govt mulls tax on digital business platforms, says minister

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THERE will be no increase in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) next year, says Second Finance Minister Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani.

"The public can rest assured that there will not be an increase in the GST in 2017," he said on the sidelines of the National Tax Conference 2016, here, yesterday.

The GST has been at six per cent

since its implementation on April 1 last year.

Johari also said the government was studying the possibility of imposing a tax on digital business platforms in order to create a level playing field between online and non-online businesses.

He said companies providing digital business platforms made billions of ringgit in revenue but didn't pay tax due

to the absence of a tax structure for this kind of business.

"We are not trying to discourage them but we are trying to create a level playing field for all those people that are doing business in Malaysia and create employment for the people.

"We do not want to tax these small companies who are just starting up because this will kill them. If anything, we want to further enrich them," said Johari.

The two-day conference is jointly hosted by the Inland Revenue Board and the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia.



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