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## **CUSTOMS DEPT WARNING**

## Netizens who spread fake news on GST face stern action

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**KOTA TINGGI:** Social media users who spread false information on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will face action from the Customs Department.

The department is working with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to detect errant social media users who mislead the public on GST by spreading deceitful and fake news.

Customs director-general Datuk Seri Subromaniam Tholasy said the growing negative perception on GST among the public was mainly due to the acts of those who wished to see the tax consumption system fail.

He said this was done for the benefit of their hidden agenda. "I am disappointed with this scenario, where certain political leaders used their influence to speak wrongly about GST and further mislead the public," he said after opening the latest Customs GST branch office in Jalan Niaga 14 here.

It is the 10th GST office to be opened in Johor.

He will soon be in talks with MCMC to discuss on the mechanics of their joint cooperation to stop the spread of fake news on GST.

Subromaniam said since the GST was introduced in April 2015, the department had been working around the clock to ensure that those regulated under the tax would comply with the system.

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