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Aham Baba: Deal with floods in a timely manner and use new technologies to identify disaster areas

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KLUANG, March 3 — Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Aham Baba said the ministry will make good use of the technology developed by the National Space Agency (MYSA) to identify areas that are more prone to flooding so that Prepare for floods.

He said that this technology is the result of the National Space Administration's 10-year experience, using radar and optical methods to conduct data observations using satellites in places where floods have occurred.

He said the technology is expected to be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri at the Malaysian Accelerator Research Centre for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI) this coming Thursday.



Aham Baba said the National Space Agency has data on locations where floods have occurred.

He said the technology would be presented to the Prime Minister for his comments so that it could be fully used, adapted and embraced by all government departments and relevant agencies.

Aham Baba is also the Member of Parliament for Umno South East Township. He said this at a press conference after attending the Retail Industry Digitalisation Initiative (ReDI) and the One Malaysia Promotional Programme (PJMKM) yesterday, including Johor State Trade and Consumer Affairs Director Mohd Hailu.

He said that the ministry will also propose the use of drone technology to assist in finding lost victims in remote areas in the event of a power outage due to floods, so as to facilitate resettlement and evacuation.

He pointed out that the ministry will also discuss the issue of temporary evacuation centres with the Ministry of Women, Family and Social Development to avoid long distances, congestion or other issues.

The electronic response of the retail industry is good

As for the plan for the digitalisation of the retail sector, Aham Baba said the move is quite positive and proactive, and it is also a new way for communities outside the city to start cashless shopping for their daily needs.

He believes that with the establishment of the electronic measures plan for the retail industry, understanding the habit of using applications in the community before and after the Covid-19 epidemic is increasing, which further deepens the community's interest in digitalization. "

The e-commerce initiatives in the retail sector are planned by the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Affairs and the state governments, as well as Bank Negara Malaysia, PayNet, a subsidiary of Bank Negara Malaysia, ShopeePay, an online shopping platform, and e-hailing and food delivery platforms. A joint initiative of strategic partners such as GrabPay under Grab, Maybank, Touch & Go, e-Wallet and various local authorities.

The plan aims to convert 15,000 merchants to digital platforms by 2025.

