Kedah’s wellbeing means more than peaceful living — Forum panellist

SUNGAI PETANI: A panellist of a forum here yesterday said the ‘Kedah WellBeing’ concept mooted by the PAS-led government in Kedah should not only be devoted to peaceful living.

Utusan Group assistant editor-in-chief Datuk Zaini Hassan said ‘wellbeing’ in the context of a state government administration included improving the people’s standard of living.

“Wellbeing is related to our needs, we want better living in the present environment,” he said at the forum entitled ‘Kedah WellBeing — Between Myth and Reality’ held in conjunction with Kedah state level 1 Malaysia Social Media Convention at Universiti Teknologi Mara Merbok near here yesterday.

Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) Deputy Editor-in-Chief (General News Service) Datuk Zulkefli Salleh moderated the forum.

Meanwhile, another panellist Fathul Bari Mat Jahaya, who is the Umno Young Scholars Committee chairman, said PAS kept harping to people who supported them to earn a place in heaven when it was only Allah who could decide so.

“Religious Muslims who do good as ordered by Allah could also go to heaven irrespective of their political affiliations,” he said.

Zulkefli in winding up the forum, said the Indian and Chinese communities in the country held the view that those who do good could go to heaven but there were some Malays who thought it (going to heaven) depended on their political leanings.

“As such, Malays should get out of this insular burden. Similarly for the wellbeing of Kedah, it means that the state should also be competitive against other states, in fact it could be even more progressive than Selangor,” he said. — Bernama