Call to use social media avenue to express facts

SUNGAI PETANI: Social media consumers particularly the younger generation should use the avenue to express views based on facts rather than negative perception.

Information Department director-general Ibrahim Abdul Rahman said this to reporters after launching the state-level Malaysia Social Media Convention at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Merbok near here yesterday.

He noted that the social media was being used more for negating facts compared to constructive criticism, which could be detrimental to the country.

“They must be more responsible in what they write. There is no necessity to raise an issue and then hide behind the pen. The government is always willing to hear from the people,” he said.

He said the convention organised with the cooperation of the Information Department and National Civics Bureau had succeeded in gathering more than 10,000 young media social users.

“The government has never prevented the people from expressing their views. In fact the Information Department has programmes to obtain feedback from the people,” he added. - Bernama