

Real-time statistics a necessity, says Mustapa

ONE of the lessons for the government in the pandemic is there is a need to compile and disseminate granular and real-time statistics, said Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

“What we have learnt is that there is a need today to compile and disseminate granular and real-time statistics,” the minister (Economy) in the Prime Minister’s Department said when delivering his opening remarks virtually at the 8th Malaysia Statistics Conference 2021 (8th MyStats) yesterday.

“As all of you in the statistics community must already be aware, there have been dramatic changes in our country’s socioeconomic landscape. Independent think tanks, CSOs (civil society organisations) and researchers, coupled with the increasing political awareness of the Malaysian people, are demanding more and more of our statisticians,” he added.

The event aims to bring together statisticians, researchers, data users and data experts to exchange views and ideas on the compilation, use and dissemination of official statistics; and to celebrate the role of statistics in helping governments and businesses make informed decisions for the country’s development.

Themed “Connecting The World With Data We Can Trust”, the event featured a plenary session with three parallel oral presentations and two parallel scientific poster presentations on new research findings, as well as a parallel short virtual course on MyStats with the theme of “Navigating Resilient Recovery Through Statistics”.

The opening ceremony was also attended by the country’s chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) deputy governor Datuk Abdul Rasheed Abdul Gaffaour and BNM assistant governor Dr Norhana Endut, among others.

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