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"As we study civilization throughout time, we see the consequences in the lives of individuals and societies that lived by true north principles...and those that didn't."

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Minister: Weather App To Provide Accurate Information To Public

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Bandar Seri Begawan - The Sultanate has recorded 449,260 mobile subscribers and because of this it is appropriate to utilise mobile applications that can be exploited to the advantage of the public.

This figure - obtained by Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry (AITI) - was revealed by the Minister of Communications, Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar during the official launch of the first government mobile application for public use - the Brunei Darussalam Weather

Application - for mobile phones and tablets, which is better known as 'Brunei WX'.

The minister believes that with this app, users can obtain information directly from the Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Service (BDMS) and disregard inaccurate information such as the recent widespread false weather warning that created public panic.

"The app has the ability to deliver weather information to all mobile devices (including tablets). The app was developed with the purpose of providing and obtaining access to weather information for the people of this country. In addition, this method of information delivery is very relevant with the current requirement."

The launch was also significant as it supports the strategic planning of e-Government initiatives for 2009-2014 which acts as a catalyst for the development and integrity of info-communications in the Sultanate.

"This outlines the provision of e-Government online services to the population so that it is efficient, safe, user friendly and available 24 hours a day"

However, the minister gave a stern warning that the information provided "must be accurate and regularly updated".

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According to the e-Government survey 2012 index published by the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN), Brunei is currently ranked 54 - up 14 positions from 2011.

"With this improvement, it gives us the spirit to work even more proactively and continue to contribute to the enhancement of the position of our country, as well as to position our country among the top 10 nations in the world," said the minister.

In realising this matter, the minister relates the significance of "accessibility and usability" through wireless technology and the increase in the mobile phone penetration rate has become widely accepted among the public.

Before concluding his speech, the minister took the opportunity to suggest similar mobile applications be developed within the ministry or within other ministries to inform and provide services for the public.

Brunei WX is the first app made and owned by the government, specifically for public use. Apart from being able to receive local weather forecasts daily, users will also directly receive a 'push-notification' on useful information on flash floods and strong wind alerts should such circumstances arise.

Other features include the maximum and minimum temperatures of the day, hourly updates of weather conditions for several locations across Brunei, a three-day weather forecast, radar images and more.

Developers of the app, Infindo Technology Sdn Bhd were happy to note their participation in this exciting project. A mobile app developer in Brunei, Infindo have created over 10 mobile apps for local small and medium enterprises (SME) recently and have proved very popular among smartphone users.

According to Infindo, the free mobile app is already available for Android users a few days before the launch, while for iPhone users, the app was available one hour before yesterday's launch.

Concluding the launch, the minister and other invited guests later watched a demonstration showcasing the Brunei WX app. The app can be downloaded by simply searching 'Brunei weather'.

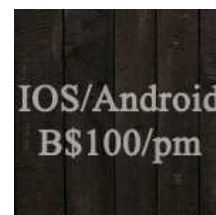
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