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New MyKad Pitched As Fix For Subsidy Leakages



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KUALA LUMPUR: The new MyKad could help address long-standing problems in Malaysia's subsidy system by enabling beneficiaries to be verified in real time, according to its developer NexG Bhd.

The technology group said the new identity card combines biometric QR verification with an optional digital eWallet, allowing identity, authentication and payments to be linked through a single credential.

The system is designed to reduce duplication and leakages in subsidy distribution by allowing eligibility to be checked against verified identity information.

However, its wider use across government agencies and the private sector will depend on the necessary approvals and technical integration.

The new MyKad, produced and delivered by NexG's wholly-owned subsidiary Datasonic Technologies Sdn Bhd, will be carried by more than 24 million Malaysians, the company said in a statement today.

NexG said the biometric QR feature allows a live facial image to be matched against biometric records to verify that the person presenting the card is its genuine holder.

Currently, the National Registration Department (NRD) is the only government agency authorised to scan the QR code and conduct the biometric verification, NexG added.

Subject to approvals and inter-agency arrangements, the capability could subsequently be extended to other government agencies.

For commercial use, approved banks, telecommunications companies and merchants could use the system for customer onboarding, know-your-customer (KYC) and compliance checks without having to develop their own verification infrastructure.

The company said the MyKad's biometric QR capability could also complement MyDigital ID by providing an additional layer of identity verification, subject to technical integration and approvals.

NexG said the eWallet component is being provided to the government at no cost, while its use by citizens is optional.

It said the new MyKad could support digital transactions and public services while retaining the card's role as the country's sovereign identity credential.

The development comes as the government seeks to expand the digital economy, with a target for it to account for 30 per cent of gross domestic product by 2030.

NexG said its partnership with the government began with a MyKad-related contract in 1999 and has continued through successive generations of the national identity card.

Executive chairman Datuk Ishak Ismail said the company had served as a partner in safeguarding Malaysians' identities for 27 years.

The new MyKad represents the latest expansion of that role, from physical identification towards digital identity verification and transactions, he added.