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## M'sian-Made Scanning Machine Can Expedite Border Security Checks

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- A user-friendly X-ray scanner, known for its efficiency in examining an entire car within 11 seconds, has begun making heads turn among security agencies dealing with border control in this country.

The scanner known as BBscan is manufactured by local company, Pan Asiatic Technologies Sdn Bhd, using China's technology.

Its director, Datuk Abdul Karim Mohd Hanapiah said the equipment was currently in use by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department due to its efficiency to expedite Malaysia's border security checks as it could check up to 240 vehicles in an hour.

"In fact, the scanning process is more user-friendly to drivers and passengers as there is no need to alight from their vehicles.

"In terms of health, the scanner's radioactive-level will not harm the driver's health and was approved by the Atomic Energy Licensing Board.

"A person can be scanned 3,000 times by the machine without affecting the health," he told Bernama at the 15th Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2016 here today.

Abdul Karim said one of the advantages of the machine as compared to other scanners produced overseas was its size that could be customised according to the user's needs, whether small cars or large size vehicles such as trucks, trailers or buses.

The company, based in Kulai, Johor began to market the product since last November and aims to sell five more units this year.

Abdul Karim said so far, the scanners were being used by the customs department in Tanjung Kupang, Johor and Butterworth, Penang.

"I got the idea to innovate this product after supplying China-made scanners since 2006," he said, adding that the company had 60 staff.

He said the company was now collaborating with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Multimedia University in a research to improve the product's quality.

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