

Fakes worth RM1.6mil seized in KL

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 44,832 pieces of imitation goods with an estimated value of RM1.6mil were seized between January and May by the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry's Kuala Lumpur enforcement branch.

Chief enforcement officer Azeem Nazuri said the branch handled 47 cases through which the imitation items were seized.

"Compared to last year, the total number of imitation goods increased by almost 35% compared to only 33,280 pieces of imitation goods in 2018 over the same period.

"The value of the seized imitation goods increased three-fold compared to last year's RM562,340," he said.

Azeem said the Kuala Lumpur enforcement

branch would not have achieved such success without the cooperation of the trademark owners who provided information.

Among the imitation goods seized were bags, shoes and shirts.

"For the year 2018, the most sought-after goods were imitation luxury watches, with seized items worth more than RM250,000.

"For this year, counterfeit leather bags with a total value of RM529,600 were the most expensive items seized," he said.

"We believe all these imitation goods were obtained overseas. All the cases are being investigated under Section 8 of the Trade Descriptions Act 2011," said Azeem. — Bernama