<table border="0" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0" class="abstract"><tr><td id="abs" class="para"> Malay Mail : 6 November 2006 DESPITE numerous cases highlighted in the media, Malaysians are still falling prey to the &#65533;scratch-and-win&#65533; scam. </td></tr></table> Last year, the National Consumer Complaints Centre recorded 1,066 such complaints, and in the first half of this year, 733 cases have been noted. &#65533;The two biggest amounts lost through this scam last year were RM20,000 and RM60,000,&#65533; said its director, Darshan Singh.

&#65533;Scratch-and-win has been around for about 30 years and although it has slowed down, it has not died out,&#65533; he said, adding that the trend is such that it will reappear in a different form after a while.

Darshan said NCCC had presented these figures to the authorities but what&#65533;s needed is an awareness campaign to educate people, similar to what the Government did with the skim cepat kaya (get rich quick scheme).