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CONTRACTS GIVEN BECAUSE THEY ARE BUMIPUTERAS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- Malay entrepreneurs get government contracts not only because of their capability but because they are Bumiputeras, MP for Rompin Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis said today.

He said many Malay entrepreneurs seemed to have forgotten this.

"As such, they must have a sense of responsibility to help other Malay entrepreneurs. We demand that they sign a social contract to help other entrepreneurs," he said when debating a working paper on economy, tabled by Malaysian Malay Chamber of Commerce President Datuk Seri Yahaya Ahmad at the Umno's 50th Anniversary Convention here.

Dr Jamaludin, who also represented Pahang Umno, suggested that a monitoring body under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad be set up to keep tabs on the awarding of contracts and performance of entrepreneurs concerned.

He said economic strength is an important pre-requisite for Umno to continue to stay in power to ensure survival of the Malays in future.

Kedah's representative, Hanafi Ramli said successful Malay entrepreneurs should teach new entrepreneurs on how to conduct business.

New entrepreneurs should also take advantage of training and business opportunities provided by the government as well as taking the initiative to promote their respective activities, he said.

A representative from Selangor, Puan Sharifah Noli Syed Husin said an overall programme should be formulated to determine the direction of Malay women in economic field.

She said the number of Malay women entrepreneurs was still small due to among others the difficulty in getting loans and limited opportunities.

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