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INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR PRODUCING MORE BUMIPUTERA ENTREPRENEURS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (Bernama) -- Five ministries will meet with the state governments on March 17 to plan an integrated approach to produce more bumiputera entrepreneurs to expand the bumiputera middle-class.

Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today the special meeting followed a directive from Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Mustapa was speaking to reporters after the Gombak Modern Market Entrepreneurs' Association's Hari Raya-Chinese New Year celebration and opening of its general meeting, here.

He said his ministry, together with the Education, International Trade and Industry, Youth and Sports, and Rural Development ministries and the mentris besar would review the present development programmes for bumiputera entrepreneurs.

"The present programmes for aiding bumiputera entrepreneurs need to be improved as there may be weaknesses," he said, adding that bumiputera entrepreneurs must be more aggressive and not just depend on the government.

The meeting is in line with the call by the Umno supreme council recently to increase the number of middle-class bumiputeras.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said recently that the bumiputera midle-class could be expanded through more business opportunities, management training and franchising. -- BERNAMA

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