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GOVT HAS TAKEN PRE-EMPTIVE MEASURES TO CURB MALPRACTICES

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali said today the Government had taken pre-emptive measures to curb malpractices and administrative flaws in the civil service.

He said the Government had introduced various measures including stressing on the need for civil servants to be clean, efficient and trustworthy.

Studies showed that countries with a high degree of malpractices and inefficient management suffer losses up to 20 per cent, he said.

"Although corruption, malpractices and administrative weaknesses in this country have not reached that level, we need to take pre-emptive measures to prevent such ills from creeping in," he told reporters after opening a workshop for the Management Integrity Committee, here.

The committee was set up early this year to identify problems related to malpractices and administrative weaknesses in the civil service.

In January, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed Menteri Besar, Chief Ministers, secretaries-general, state secretaries and heads of government departments to set up the committees to enhance the government's administrative machinery.

Till today, all 24 ministries and 13 state governments have given written feedback on the formation of the committees, he said.

Meanwhile, Malaysia Administrative Modernisation and Manpower Planning Unit (Mampu) Director-General Datuk Dr Muhammad Rais Abdul Karim said department heads must report on power abuses and offences committed by their staff.

He said these procedures were part of the conditions of the implementation of the Management Integrity Committee, he said.

More than 200 senior government officers attended the one-day workshop.

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