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COUNCIL TO CULTIVATE INTER-RACIAL COOPERATION AMONG CONTRACTORS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- The four-month-old National Council of Contractors Malaysia looks set to upgrade inter-racial cooperation among building contractors, Entrepreneur Development Deputy Minister Datuk Idris Jusoh said today.

He said it would be boon for realising Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wish for non-Bumiputera businessmen to again help rebuild the business of their Malay counterparts hard-hit by the economic crisis since mid-1997.

The council, formed last July and which Idris described as a requirement in multi-racial Malaysia, among other things serves as a channel for the construction industry to discuss common problems with the government.

"It's not that there is no cooperation. It's a question of upgrading it from time to time," he said when approached by reporters after launching the website for the Association of Malaysian Malay Contractors here.

The website -- [www.pkmm.org.my](http://www.pkmm.org.my) -- provides the latest update on the association and tenders awarded for construction projects.

Association president Roslan Awang Kechik said the website would be linked to the Public Works Department and other government agencies dealing with contractors.

"We expect to have the link-up by early next year," Roslan added.

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