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KOH TAKES OPPOSITION TO TASK OVER NECC II INVITATION

PULAU PINANG, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon has taken opposition leaders to task for rejecting government invitation to sit in the National Economic Consultative Council (NECC II) which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

He said it clearly showed that the opposition parties were not interested in the responsibility or to give their views for the development of the country.

"The action to boycott NECC II reflects the negative attitude of the opposition and their disrespect to the spirit of consensus practised by the people in this country," he told reporters after launching a new product of 'eNiaga' PNS Sdn Bhd, here today.

Koh said he was in the NECC I once and every member was free to express his views.

All the opposition parties except Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) were reported to have rejected invitation to sit on the council to chart future course of the country.

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