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Malaysia to provide consultancy

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Malaysia is prepared to provide consultancy to other developing countries in the areas of privatisation, civil service administration and economic planning.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said today that the country was committed to sharing its expertise and experience to ensure that all countries could progress together.

"Malaysia probably has a little bit more experience in some skills. We can share our experience with other countries," he told reporters after opening the National Public Administration Institute's (Intan) "Malaysian Technical Co-operation Programme" here.

Dompok said Cambodia, for instance, had requested the country to share its experience in economic planning.

This followed discussions between Cambodian leaders and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Government through Intan had conducted a course on "Malaysian Economics and Strategic Planning" in Uzbekistan and another course on "Effective Leadership - Leading and Managing Change" in Sudan.

Intan has also sent experts overseas to provide consultancy in the areas of administrative reforms and economic planning.

Experts were sent to Africa, Middle East, West Indies and South Pacific upon requests from those countries and various international bodies.

Dompok said likewise, Malaysia could benefit from the experience of other countries to overcome its problems.

On the MTCP courses, he said it could promote co-operation between Malaysia and other developing countries. The courses comprise national economic management and poverty eradication, managing privatisation, case study workshop and multimedia application for managers.

A total of 55 participants from 30 countries besides Malaysia, are attending the course from today until July 29. The case study workshop will end Aug 5.

Participants include Brunei, Indonesia, Cambodia, Chile, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Iraq, Jordan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Zambia and Samoa.

Intan has also jointly organised a programme called "The Promotion of A Healthy Environment in Urban Areas", with the Japanese International Co-operation Agency and World Health Organisation.

Earlier in his speech, Dompok said the course on national economic management and poverty eradication was most relevant as it was an important agenda for developing countries.

"Participants can share experiences to draw long-term solutions to eradicate poverty."

He said participants attending the course on managing privatisation would be able to understand the privatisation initiatives in Malaysia to help stimulate growth and development.

Intan has trained more than 1,750 people from 90 countries under the MTCP since its introduction in 1980.

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