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GOVT AGENCIES TOLD TO AVOID BUREAUCRACY, ENSURE FAIR TREATMENT

SEPANG, May 29 (Bernama) -- Government agencies should avoid bureaucracy to ensure fair treatment when dealing with the public, Rural Development Development Datuk Azmi Khalid said today.

He said such practice should be discarded so that members of the public who did not have contacts in government agencies would not be hesitant to seek assistance.

"We want assistance to be offered to anyone who is eligible and not just to those with contacts," he told reporters at the KL International Airport after receiving a group of Perlis students from Sabah after their successful climb of Mount Kinabalu.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had also urged for the issue to be addressed.

Meanwhile, he said a proposal for the restructuring of the ministry into three divisions - infrastructure, economy and development - had been approved by the Public Service Department.

"The economic division should be strengthened as we do not want to only implement projects which we can subsidise but also those which can bring in profits," he said.

The restructuring, he said, was necessary to ensure that the particular division was more efficient in marketing products manufactured in rural areas.

He also said the ministry would not continue its traditional farming and handicraft production as it was not profitable.

"We want to implement commercial projects which not only create opportunities but also bring in profits to rural folks," he said.

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