

MACC seeks forensic engineering expertise
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) today signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with Kumpulan Ikram Sdn Bhd to combat corruption through forensic engineering.

The MoC was signed by MACC special operations director Mohd Jamidan Abdullah and Ikram Centre for Engineering Forensic and Consultancy Services director Ch'ng Guan Bee.

MACC deputy chief commissioner (management and professionalism) Zakaria Jaafar said the combined knowledge and expertise of the two agencies would help speed up investigations into high-profile and public-interest cases.

"The MACC's special operations division was established to investigate high-profile cases and cases of public interest that face various problems, particularly those involving foreign parties like manipulation of accounts and malpractices in carrying out engineering works.

"To date, the division has been investigating a number of high-profile and public-interest cases involving contract jobs worth RM2.7 billion," he said in his speech.

Zakaria said the division hoped the scope of cooperation would cover sharing of forensic engineering expertise and consultancy services, especially in the aspects of site inspection, geotechnics, building structure detection tests, and expertise in other engineering fields.

Ikram Training chief executive Tan Swee Kee in his speech said the signing of the MoC would create synergy to raise competency in the new field of forensic engineering for MACC officers and staff.

"With this MoC, Kumpulan Ikram can be regarded as fulfilling its social corporate responsibility by cooperating with MACC in meeting the objectives of the National Key Result Area of corruption prevention.

"This move will also help Malaysia achieve better ranking in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) in the future," he said.

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