

NACP to keep politics apart from govt administration

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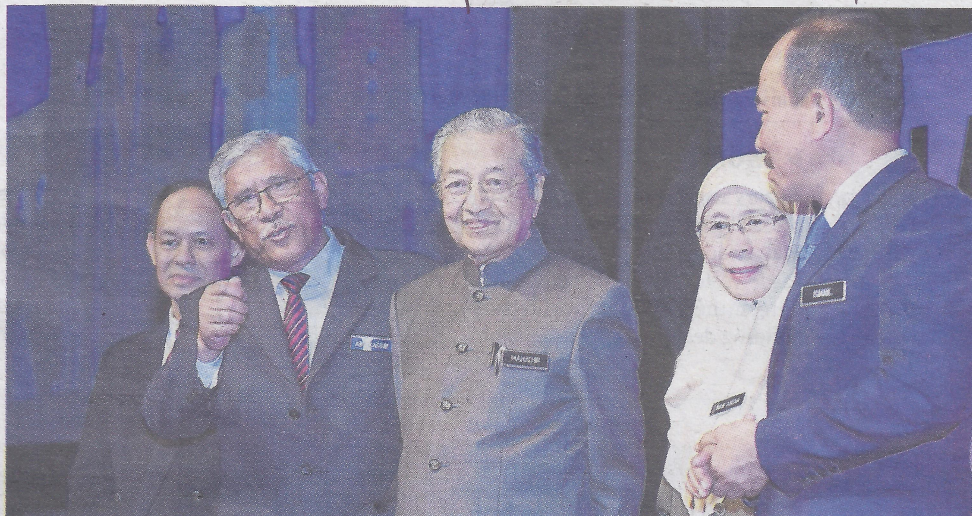
THE National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) 2019-2023 will spell out the limits of management authority between ministers and secretaries general of ministries in an effort to separate the government administration from political influence, said Prime Minister (PM) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"This is an important measure to prevent the occurrence of any abuse of power," the PM said when launching the NACP 2019-2023 in Putrajaya yesterday.

The NACP 2019-2023 is to be implemented based on 22 strategies that prioritise six key sectors. It comprises 115 anti-corruption initiatives involving the political, public procurement, law enforcement, public sector administration, legislation, judicial and corporate governance sectors.

The plan was developed by the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC) with the collaboration of government agencies.

Dr Mahathir said he hopes



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(From left) MACC chief commissioner Datuk Seri Mohd Shukri Abdull, GIACC head Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed, Dr Mahathir Deputy PM Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ismail Bakar at the launch of NACP yesterday

that civil servants, especially heads of departments, will determine not only what contents of the plan are implemented but also ensure that they achieve the desired goal.

Dr Mahathir said the initiatives in the NACP could not be implemented by him alone nor the GIACC.

"It is the responsibility of all quarters, from the PM to the kindergarten teachers, to foster good values and instill hatred for corruption among our children," he said at the launch, which was attended by Cabinet ministers and senior gov-

ernment officials.

Dr Mahathir said the values will be more meaningful if the Cabinet ministers, chief ministers, mentris besar and others entrusted by the people demonstrate exemplary traits in terms of integrity, being corruption-free, trustful and not abusing authority.

He said the first step of having to declare one's assets was very good because the people would know "our worth" before we held any office and after doing so.

Dr Mahathir said Pakatan Harapan won the 14th General

Election last year due to its championing of governance and integrity.

He also said the NACP placed importance on having a bill related to political funding.

Dr Mahathir said the plan has assessed the risk of corruption at the grassroots level and focuses on six areas identified as the priority fields where corruption is inclined to take place, namely public procurement, law enforcement, political governance, corporate governance, public sector administration, and legislation and judiciary. — Bernama