



Mahathir handing over the NACP book to Abdul Hadi, along with (from left) GIACC director Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Ismail at the Putrajaya Convention Centre yesterday. —ASHRAF SHAMSUL/THE SUN

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Everyone responsible for fighting corruption, says Tun M

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everyone - from himself to kindergarten teachers.

"You cannot expect me alone, or only the GIACC to do it. Neither is it just the job of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) or other enforcement agencies to shoulder the responsibility of ensuring corruption-free governance and integrity in the country."

"It is the responsibility of all quarters to inculcate good values and to (instil) hatred towards corruption among our children."

Mahathir said the NACP, that replaces the National Integrity Plan launched in 2004, was not meant to address wrongdoings of the past, but to prevent corruption from happening in future.

He said if a coalition that had ruled the country for 61 years could be thrown out via the ballot box, it is vital for the current administration to take heed of the people's sentiments.

"People were fed up of the previous government's corrupt practices and that is why they chose us.

"The rakyat collectively used their voting power to reject the previous government and

this is a stern statement that corrupt practices by government leaders and civil servants are unacceptable."

Mahathir said the first move that PH made when it formed the government was to implement mandatory asset declaration for Cabinet members.

"We won the last general election because of our cause to uphold governance and integrity.

"So, we don't have any other option but to give priority to good governance and integrity because this is why the people chose PH to govern," he added.

Also present at the launch were Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ismail Abu Bakar, GIACC director-general Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed and other Cabinet ministers.

PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and Umno deputy president Mohamad Hasan were among 22 recipients which included representatives from government agencies and non-governmental organisations who were presented with 2019-2023 NACP books during the event.

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