

PM VOWS TO EMPOWER PUBLIC SECTOR

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Ensuring effective, transparent and people-friendly delivery service main agenda of the govt

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FIGHTING the ongoing global Covid-19 pandemic will not deter the government's continuous efforts to empower the public sector.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said ensuring an effective, transparent and people-friendly government delivery service was among the main agendas of the federal administration under his leadership.



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin addressing participants of the Peninsular Malaysia Amalgamated National Union of Local Authority Employees' 27th tri-annual conference in Ayer Keroh, Melaka, via a video recording yesterday. PIC BY IQMAL HAQIM ROSMAN

Efforts to ensure a transparent and effective administration, said Muhyiddin, included upholding integrity and extensively fighting corruption to ensure that

it does not erode the capabilities and capacity of the government's delivery services among local authorities.

"Local authorities are the front-

liners that are always exposed to being lured into corruption.

"Hence, efforts to eradicate it must remain a crucial agenda that needs to be extensively implemented among staff of local authorities.

"This will help create a working culture with integrity without compromising good values and ethics," said Muhyiddin in a video recording of his speech at the Peninsular Malaysia Amalgamated National Union of Local Authority Employees' 27th tri-annual conference.

He also urged local authorities and agencies to frequently go to the ground and monitor the situation apart from understanding issues among their staff, who were dealing with the public on a daily basis.

Several initiatives underlined in the 2021 Budget, said Muhyiddin, reflected the recognition and acknowledgement from the government to the contribution by the public sector towards the de-

velopment of the nation.

"Among the initiatives include the RM600 one-off special assistance to civil servants from grade 56 and below, as well as the RM300 allowance for government pensioners and non-pensionable veterans.

"In addition to the RM600 Covid-19 allowance given since March for their efforts in preventing the spread of the virus, frontliners from the Health Ministry will be given a RM500 one-off assistance.

"Other frontliners who fulfilled the criteria set by the National Disaster Management Agency will receive a RM300 allowance," he said.

On the conference, Muhyiddin said he hoped the union would continue to play its role as the "eyes and ears" within the local community and work with the Housing and Local Government Ministry and agencies under the state governments, including local authorities.