

**Government Encourages Bumiputera Contractors' Participation In ETP Projects,  
Says Idris  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- The government encourages all sectors, including Bumiputera contractors, to participate in the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) projects but it is the private sector that is in the drivers' seat.

Performance Management and Delivery Unit (PEMANDU) chief executive officer Datuk Seri Idris Jala urged more Bumiputera companies to take up government contracts based on their expertise and capabilities.

"ETP projects are private sector-led, for example, Exxon Mobil, Petronas and Shell. Some are government projects and most are private sector projects.

"Clearly you can't force the private sector to grant contracts the way you want to do it, but we encourage Bumiputera companies, especially the contractors, to participate and look at the value," he told BERNAMA after a special presentation entitled "GTP+ETP = A Better Quality of Life," at the Perdana Leadership Foundation's CEO Forum 2011 here Thursday.

Idris, who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was responding to the dissatisfaction expressed by the Malay Chamber of Commerce, Malaysia over the lack of participation of its members in the ETP projects.

The chamber wants 60 per cent participation in all ETP projects.

Idris said the government would follow the New Economic Policy (NEP) principles by offering opportunities for Bumiputera companies to be involved in the nation's growth.

"In fact, on the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) project, we've clearly identified some of the small packages, only Bumiputeras can participate in 30 per cent of the identified packages.

"For the rest of the packages, Bumiputera companies; foreign companies; local non-Bumiputera companies, are encouraged to take part.

"The MRT is our single largest project and we want to make sure we get the value for the money," he added.

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