

Bar Council Welcomes Announcement Over Law Reform Commission
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama)-- The Malaysian Bar Council has welcomed the announcement by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Liew Vui Keong that it is time for the government to establish an independent law reform commission which is responsible for reviewing, drafting and making laws modern, fair and efficient.

Its president, Lim Chee Wee, said today the council is willing to assist and play an active role in the process of forming and participating in "that long overdue" law reform commission.

"The issue of law reform is too critical and too pressing to be used as a political gimmick to garner votes and electoral support," he said in a statement.

Lim said Malaysia only needs to look to the New South Wales Law Commission in Australia, the Australian Law Reform Commission and the English Law Commission for model legislation and set-up.

The Malaysian Bar also welcomes the proposed composition of the commission to be made up of retired or serving federal court judges, retired or serving law professors or specialists in law, senior and experienced lawyers as well as senior members of civil society, he said.

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