

DCCI Wants Government To Allocate 30 Per Cent Federal Contracts To DCCI Members
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KUCHING, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- The Dayak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Sarawak wants the government to consider and allocate 30 per cent of consultancy and contract works of federal-funded projects to contractors registered with DCCI.

Its deputy president, Datuk Seri Celestine Ujang, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had promised DCCI to look into the matter, which was among seven resolutions passed Saturday.

"DCCI acknowledges that the bulk of Dayak businessmen have not benefited from the government's business opportunities and contracts," he told reporters after a luncheon talk on "Creating a prosperous community through economic synergy" here.

Also present was Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah.

Uggah, who is deputy chairman of the Technical Committee for Sabah and Sarawak Bumiputeras, is expected to present the DCCI's request when the committee meets next month and subsequently to the Cabinet Committee on Sabah and Sarawak Bumiputeras chair by Najib.

Ujang said the government should also not allowed the cut-off system of tenders to apply to contractors registered with DCCI at least for the period 2012 till 2020.

"The DCCI has proposed that the government allow the registration by its contractors for UPK and PKK licences (of Class F contractors) to be made less rigid," he said.

He said the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority should be allowed to give assistance not only for the replanting of rubber trees but also to assist in the new planting of rubber in recognised native customary rights land.

DCCI would also proposed to the state and federal governments to urgently look into setting up many oil palm mills in strategic locations in Sarawak in view of the fast and increasing hectareage of small holders of oil plantations, he said.

He said existing oil palm mills owned by oil palm companies were already overloaded by their own production.

As there had yet to be any public-listed Dayak company, he said, the state and federal governments should urgently include in their policy and plan to assist a few DCCI-registered contractors to enable them to be qualified to be listed in the Bursa Saham Kuala Lumpur before 2020.

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