

MACC gets right to view assets declaration of top leadership
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PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission is to have full access to the declaration of assets of all members of the federal administration, from ministers downwards, and their families.

The information, previously available only to the Prime Minister, will now be passed on to the commission in a continuing move towards greater government transparency, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

The MACC advisory panel had made the suggestion that it be given copies of the statutory declaration of assets of the members of the administration and their families.

"I am heeding the call by the panel and have agreed that the MACC chief commissioner should have full access to the asset declaration documents of all members of the administration," the Prime Minister said when launching the Certified Integrity Officer programme conducted by the commission for public and private sector personnel over six months to ensure legal, systematic and legal compliance to zero tolerance for corruption.

Najib said the Government had long required all members of the administration and their immediate families to divulge their assets to him via statutory declarations.

"Every addition and disposal of assets must be declared," he said, adding that all this would be accessible to the MACC.

When making the proposal recently, advisory panel chairman Puan Sri Zaitun Zawayah Puteh expressed the hope that state governments would follow suit.

MACC chief commissioner Datuk Seri Abu Kassim Mohamed welcomed the move and said his team would meet officials of the Prime Minister's Department to discuss its implementation.

He said they would also be seeking copies of declarations now already with the Prime Minister.

Abu Kassim said: "Our main concern is not so much the wealth that the administration members have when taking up their posts but what they and their families accumulate after that."

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