

## **Muhyiddin: Battle Against Corruption Will Raise Investor Confidence In Malaysia**

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 19 (Bernama) -- The continuous battle against corruption will raise the confidence level of foreign investors in Malaysia, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Work in fighting corruption he added, has seen Malaysia's ranking jump to 54th spot from 60th in Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index.

In a note from the Deputy Prime Minister in the 2012 Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) Annual Report released today, he said that business owners would no doubt also be pleased, as lower corruption translates to greater ease of doing business.

The ETP Annual report was released by the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) in the Prime Minister's Department.

Pemandu is the unit that oversees the implementation, assesses the progress, facilitates as well as supports the delivery and drives the progress of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).

Muhyiddin said the number of complaints made under the recently enforced Whistleblower Protection Act was also gaining traction, suggesting the public was increasingly pro-active in reporting corruption.

"This bodes well in creating a more competitive business environment which will in turn benefit the nation from a social and economic perspective," he added.

Muhyiddin noted that both the ETP and GTP had touched people's lives in areas that matter the most to them, while at the same time transforming the fundamental way that Malaysia delivers public service.

"This will in turn change the way Malaysia conducts business and spur the economic development story through the ETP," he said.

Muhyiddin who is also the Chairman of the GTP Delivery Task Force expressed his pride at the way the civil service had responded to the call for change.

"We recognise that both the GTP and ETP remain mere plans without the execution by our civil servants," he said.

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