

Racial Economic Balance Important Agenda For BN - Joseph Kurup
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Racial economic balance has always been an important agenda for Barisan Nasional to preserve unity and harmony in the country, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Joseph Kurup.

He said many efforts and initiatives had been taken by the government in ensuring no race or group was left on the sidelines in the national economic development agenda.

Kurup cited the recently launched Bumiputera Economic Agenda which indicated the government was serious about narrowing the economic gap between the races.

"It does not mean the other races are left out. The Bumiputera Economic Agenda is not only about the Malays in the peninsula, but also about other Bumiputera minorities in Sabah and Sarawak.

"According to research being prepared for the United Nations Human Development for Malaysia, minority Bumiputeras are far lagging behind other Malaysians."

He said this in his speech when opening the Oneware Malaysia International Hardware Show and Onebuild Malaysia International Building, Architecture and Construction Technology Exhibition at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here, Thursday.

The event is the largest of its kind in Malaysia and this year, more than 200 exhibitors, including from Taiwan and China, are taking part.

Kurup also said that the government was committed to establishing a more dynamic and progressive business environment to boost growth, especially in the construction and manufacturing sectors, which could contribute positively to the Malaysian economy.

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