

Malaysia To Raise Public Awareness On Challenges In Fighting Corruption
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PUTRAJAYA, July 10 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is to raise the level of public awareness on the issues and challenges in fighting corruption in line with the government's objective at the 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) this September.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan said the conference would provide a neutral and conducive space for analysis and debate on the new approaches being employed by anti-corruption practitioners worldwide.

"The Malaysian government recognises the need to improve governance in support of the country's economic transformation to a high-income model and becoming a developed nation by 2020 under the Economic Transformation Programme," he said in a statement here today.

Malaysia will host a three-day biennial conference themed 'Ending Impunity: People. Integrity. Action' from Aug 2 here, with more than 800 local and international participants.

In tangent with the ETP and public expectation, Low said, the government through its Government Transformation Programme had been taking substantive measures to improve its National Key Results Areas (NKRA) to deal with eradicating corruption and improve governance.

He pointed out that Malaysia aspired to improve on its 2014 Corruption Perception Index (CPI) Score of 52 and Country Ranking of 50 (out of 175 countries) and to be among the top 30 countries in the CPI ranking by 2020.

By hosting this international conference, Low said, Malaysia hoped to learn from experts and to implement solutions which would help the nation to achieve its national goals.

"The IACC will also provide an ideal opportunity for our public administrators, corporate leaders and civil society representatives to engage with international experts in this important field," he said.

IACC, the world's premier global forum, brings together heads of state, community and the private sector to address the challenges of increasingly sophisticated levels of corruption.

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