

IACC: Brunei-Malaysia Cooperation Results In Efficient Enforcement
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Bilateral cooperation between the Brunei Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has resulted in effective and efficient enforcement in solving cross-border cases.

ACB director Datuk Muhammad Juanda A. Rashid said since the establishment of ties in 2002, there were a total of 77 joint operations involving intelligence gathering and 31 investigations.

Besides joint operations, he said the ACB had also learnt 'managing team investigation' approach which resulted in the completion of fast and effective investigation in MACC.

"Bilateral cooperation and annual meeting provide a very useful venue for both agencies to share experiences on joint investigations," he said, adding that complexities of corruption could not be handled alone.

Muhammad Juanda was speaking at a workshop session of the 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) here.

He said this during his presentation entitled, 'Fighting Corruption by Authorities: What Worked and What Went Wrong', together with MACC Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention) Datuk Mustafar Ali; Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption former deputy commissioner Daniel Li Ming Chak; and, Transparency International co-founder Michael Hershman.

The workshop session was moderated by MACC Member of Anti-Corruption Advisory Board, Datuk Seri Azman Ujang.

Meanwhile, Mustafar when met by the media after the workshop said MACC was looked upon by many anti-corruption agencies converging at the IACC as an agency which could be emulated.

He said the best practices implemented by MACC were also recognised by local and international participants.

On whether negative sentiments portrayed by many towards the MACC, of late, had tarnished their image, Mustafar said those sentiments should not be generalised.

He said there might be individual perceptions or sentiments (on the MACC) but overall, society locally and internationally had high regard for the commission.

The three-day conference attended by about 1,000 representatives from 130 countries began yesterday, at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here.

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