

**Malaysia Is Not Facing Corruption Crisis, Says TI Co-Founder
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 3 (Bernama) - Malaysia is not facing a corruption crisis but the country is "not yet out of the woods", said Transparency International co-founder Michael Hershman.

He said Malaysia needed to clarify "the one thing that the world is giving attention to" now, which is the 1Malaysia Development Berhad issue.

The issue needed to be resolved for the country to proceed with its transformation, he told reporters at a workshop session of the 16th international Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) here today.

Hershman served in the international advisory board of the Malaysian Government Transformation Programme committee for three years from 2010.

He had earlier presented a paper on 'Fighting Corruption by Authorities: What Worked and What Went Wrong' together with Malaysian Anti-corruption Commission deputy chief commissioner Datuk Mustafar Ali, former deputy commissioner of Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption Daniel Li Ming Chak and director of the Brunei Anti-Corruption Bureau Datuk Muhammad Juanda A Rashid.

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

Hershman said that corruption in Malaysia was still under control although a lot of work still needed to be done.

He said this should include putting in place regulations on the financing of political institutions.

Hershman had before this been reported as saying that the corruption in Malaysia was well under control, asserting that the growing investment in the country was proof of this.

He had added that investment would not grow in a country dominated by corruption.

The three-day conference attended by about 1,000 delegates from 130 countries ends tomorrow at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here.

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