

Government Plans To Prepare Poor-Performing Companies List

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 6 (Bernama) -- The government plans to prepare a list of construction companies with poor performance, especially those which undertake government projects.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan said the list would then be submitted to all ministries and government agencies, as a reference for them in appointing a construction company.

"Time and time again these companies continue to get jobs despite not performing.

"I do not know how this happened but the companies should be blacklisted," he said in his speech when launching the Anti-Corruption and Ethics (ACE) Centre here, today.

Also present were Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) deputy commissioner (prevention) Datuk Mustafar Ali and Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) chief executive Datuk Seri Ir Judin Abdul Karim.

Low said the move was aimed at creating transparency in the government's administration and to avoid society from making assumptions if a government project failed to be completed on schedule.

At the ceremony, Low also witnessed the signing ceremony between the Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) and CIDB Holdings Sdn Bhd.

The cooperation would enable the use of solution expertise and equipments to assist in tackling corrupt activities in the construction industry.

Low also welcomed the establishment of the ACE centre, that would be the platform for the dissemination of knowledge, information and awareness about corruption, especially in the business community.

In a press conference afterwards, Mustafar said the ACE centre, located in the Inspection and Consultancy Division in Putrajaya MACC, will work with the organisation in providing solutions to corruption issues in the industrial sector.

"People need knowledge and good practices, for them to translate it into their work performances in the industry, or as an individual," he said.

He added the ACE centre could be contacted at 03-88900600 or via e-mail, ace@sprm.gov.my.

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