

MRT Corp says no to corruption

ANTI-FRAUD: Signing of pledge good for business

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MRT Corp has pledged to ink integrity pacts (IP) with its project delivery partner MMC-Gamuda JV as well as sign the Corporate Integrity Pledge within the next few months to uphold anti-corruption principles in the conduct of its business and interactions with its business partners and the government.

Its chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid, said it was important to institutionalise a practice and culture that refrained from corruption.

He said transparency was one of the ways to prevent corruption and described it as “valuable for an entity like MRT Corp” to achieve better results.

“By signing this pact, we are promoting this practice and supporting this initiative nationwide to instil a sense of awareness,” he said after a meeting at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) headquarters in Putrajaya.

MACC deputy chief commissioner (prevention) Datuk Sutinah Sutan commended it for being the first mega project that allows direct involvement from the commission.

MACC will offer advisory services and training programmes by the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy to instil awareness.

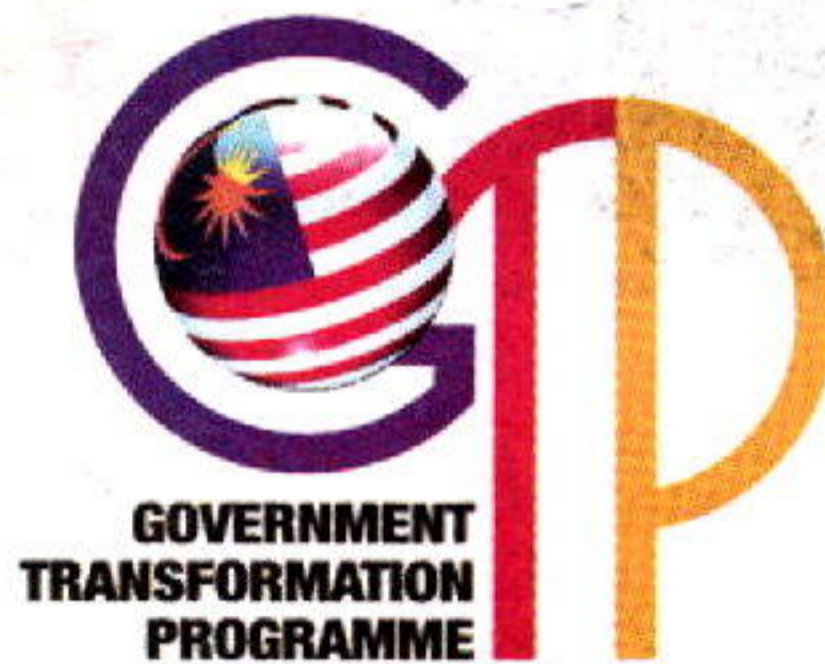
Sutinah said the signing of this pledge was vital to ensure there was no fraud and graft in procurement processes.

This, she said, would ensure that the government would not face losses due to wastage or fraud.

She said one of the essential elements of the IP was that the monitoring mechanism was not only confined to MACC, but in-

involved Transparency International as well as other government regulatory bodies such as the Audit Department.

She added that a complaints channel and referral points would be established within the company’s internal mechanism to ensure there was an avenue for its staff and the public to lodge reports of wrongdoing.



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