



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief Commissioner Tan Sri Dzul kifli Ahmad (on Najib's left) looking at a model of the anti-graft body's new headquarters in Putrajaya yesterday. With them are MACC deputy chief commissioner (operations) Datuk Azam Baki (left) and deputy chief commissioner (prevention) Datuk Shamsun Baharin Mohd Jamil (right). PIC BY AHMAD IRHAM MOHD NOOR

ICONIC PROJECTS

Best model for award of govt contracts

PUTRAJAYA: The best tried-and-tested model for awarding government contracts involves the construction of iconic projects, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak here yesterday.

Citing the light rail transit (LRT) and mass rapid transit (MRT) projects, Najib said companies that bid for them were not revealed to the tender committee, which he chaired.

"Instead, the committee was given codes that represented the companies such as PT1, PT2, PT3 and so on.

"Once we have decided which company will get the project, the company's name will be revealed to me in a sealed envelope. Many do not know this, but it has proven to be a success as there is no problem or scandal (involving such iconic projects).

"It is a transparent process that has resulted in projects being completed on time and within

budget," he said at the launch of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) new headquarters here, which is the biggest anti-graft office in the world.

Najib said he would ensure the same model would be used for big government projects.

He said the MyProcurement portal had managed to raise transparency levels in the government's procurement process and improve the public's perception of the decision process involving the awarding of government contracts.

Najib said the government would continue to throw its support behind MACC in its fight against corruption.

"On this note, I want to announce an immediate fund of RM5 million for Yayasan Prihatin SPRM to ensure that the welfare of MACC staff is taken care of," he said.

Najib deemed corruption as a

huge threat to the nation, its civilisation, the people and the country's future.

"If we can keep corruption at bay, this country can progress and prosper, as what we are aiming for under the National Transformation 2050."

He said efforts had been made to fight corruption, including the setting up of a compliance unit in key agencies, including the police, Immigration, Customs and Road Transport Departments and MACC.

"We have 14 special courts to fast track corruption cases and we have seen the result — (a higher) number of cases being brought to court."

Earlier, MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Dzul kifli Ahmad said 405 cases were brought to court for the 12 months starting August last year — an increase of 32.83 per cent.

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