

MACC-led conference advocates 10 resolutions to enhance accountability and reduce wastage

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Public Service (Development) deputy director-general Datuk Azhar Ahmad (centre) receiving a resolution from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Deputy Chief Commissioner (Management and Professionalism) Datuk Junipah Wandu during the closing ceremony of the 2nd Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Research Conference in Sepang. Looking on is MACC National Governance Planning Division director, Datuk Abd Aziz Aban.- NSTP/MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

SEPANG: The Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Research Conference culminated with the proposal of 10 resolutions to the government to ensure good governance and accountability to plug leakages and wastages.

The resolutions were made at the closing ceremony of today's two-day conference organised by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The conference chairman and MACC National Governance Planning Division director, Datuk Abd Aziz Aban, said the first resolution was for the Public Service Department to adopt the use of the Index Scoring Instrument.

"This measures the level of neutrality and impartiality among civil servants.

"We have also proposed that the government realise the enactment of the Government Procurement Bill to regulate procurement matters to deter leakages and ensure the accountability of all parties," he said.

Abd Aziz said they had also proposed strengthening and coordinating border controls at all entry points to avert threats and leakages of the country's revenue.

Also proposed was that the Employment Act 1955 covers the need to regulate a special entity to regulate the informal sector and ensure good governance in entities with government interests by creating a clear definition regarding state-owned enterprises and creating special legislation to regulate government-owned entities with interests.

They also made a resolution to heighten education and awareness to the public on the enforcement procedures and rules of the transport agencies.

The others were to create laws to make it mandatory for heavy penalties to be imposed on the non-compliance of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and to strengthen existing laws by handing down harsh penalties on acts of destroying the environment.

It also proposed tackling political interference in rural development projects and giving aid to targeted groups.

There were also resolutions to expand and speed up the implementation of changing officers between local authorities and to amend the Town and Country Planning Act to insert the provision to control the negotiating development contributions in the Planning Permission Plan.

The amendment of the Sports Development Act 1997, especially those related to corruption offences, integrity breaches, procedures and accountability involving the country's sports development ecosystem, was also proposed.

The conference saw 10 researchers from various public and government higher learning institutions present their six-month findings on enforcement, rural development, environment, sports and transportation issues.