

Checklist to combat bribery launched

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KUANTAN: Yayasan Pahang and Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) have set up an Anti-Bribery Management System Checklist (ABMSC) in an effort to combat corruption.

Yayasan Pahang general manager Datuk Mahmud Mohd Nawawi said the foundation was hoping government agencies and state-owned enterprises, especially in Pahang, will adopt the checklist.

"It is not meant to add more on their plate but to help prevent, detect and reduce the chances of bribery.

"It gives a practical assurance to management, investors, employees, customers and other stakeholders that an organisation is taking reasonable steps to prevent chances of bribery taking place," he said during a conference on governance and integrity here.

Mahmud said in view of the ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management System international application,



the provisions of the checklist had been validated by experts from the Institute of Integrity Malaysia, National Audit Department, Malaysia Institute of Corporate Governance, Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and Transparency International.

The initiative was funded by

Yayasan Pahang in collaboration with the Governance and Integrity Centre at the Industrial Management Faculty of UMP.

The ABMSC along with the Journal of Governance and Integrity conference were launched by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

In his speech, Adnan reminded

the state executive council to conduct the tender process fairly.

"They have to give priority to the deserving.

"For example, if the applicant is the most qualified but unknown to us, we have to be fair and still award him the tender. If he is not qualified but is our friend, then don't give him the tender," he said.

Adnan (front row, third from right) and other participants at the launch of the conference on integrity in management. Also present was Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan (front row, second from right).

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