

Sarawak

Entulu hopes to see more Dayaks in federal civil service

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Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun

KUCHING: Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun is hoping for greater Dayak representation in the federal civil service as currently they constitute less than four per cent of the total workforce of 1.6 million.

"I am trying my best to get more Dayaks in the federal civil service because we are still at a very low level of only between 3.8 and 4 per cent of the total civil servants in the federal government," Entulu told The Borneo Post yesterday.

He also hoped for the state government to recommend officers from the federal departments serving in Sarawak to be promoted to positions in the federal service.

On another note, he was disappointed that many Sarawakians refused to take up higher posts in other states as they preferred to work in their own state.

"This pattern happens to officers in Sarawak and Sabah.

Actually those selected to be transferred to other states in the Peninsula and their headquarters in Putrajaya are often identified and deemed to have a bright future for promotion by the federal government.

"So with the transfer we are creating an opportunity for them in their career path to go up the ladder in terms of promotion. But sad to say that many officers from both states just refused to be transferred there," he lamented.

In actual fact, Entulu revealed, many Sarawakians had been promoted to the posts of director-general and secretary-general in Putrajaya.

He said currently there are at least 35 secretaries-general and perhaps double that number who are directors-general in all the federal ministries.

He said the highest post in the public service at the federal level is the Chief Secretary to the Government and down the line are the secretaries-general and directors-general.

On a related issue, Entulu said many public service commissions were not under his purview, such as the police, army, medical and the teaching profession.

Meanwhile, Entulu lauded the success of the on-going effort by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to weed out corrupt officers in the public service.

He said it was almost impossible for ministers to keep track of the performance of the civil servants and MACC had been tasked to carry out the job.

"Most of the funds are handled by the officers at various levels in the federal ministries. We as ministers just decide on priority projects that would benefit the people," he pointed out.

MACC has been aggressive in its war against corruption in recent months.

Entulu has been entrusted to look after certain sectors of the civil service such as the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu), certain sectors of the Ministry of Education and the Public Service Commission (PSC).



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