

Accept new norm, civil servants told

Integrity and honesty vital in maintaining anti-pandemic measures, says PM

MELAKA: Ensure the Covid-19 pandemic does not hamper efforts to empower the public sector to be an efficient, transparent and people-friendly service system, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (*pic*).

The Prime Minister said the responsibility of civil servants now is to make the new norm a culture so that the public service will be effectively delivered.

"At the government level, it is important that more initiatives be implemented to improve integrity and governance such as through efforts to combat corruption to ensure efficiency and transparency of the administration.

"As local authorities are among the frontliners who are often exposed to corruption, efforts to

combat this crime need to remain an important agenda that should be widely implemented among their personnel.

"This is so that we can create a work culture with integrity without compromising any code of values and ethics," he said when virtually officiating the 27th Triennial General Meeting of the Amalgamated National Union of Local Authorities Employees (Anulae) at the Melaka International Trade Centre yesterday.

Also present were Peninsular Malaysia Anulae president Datuk Azih Muda and Congress of Union of Employees in the Public and Civil



Services (Cuepacs) president Adnan Mat.

In his 10-minute video speech, Muhyiddin also called on local authorities and related agencies to go down to the ground more often to understand the current situation in their areas better, apart from looking into the issues faced by their personnel who regularly meet with

the public to solve their problems. He also welcomed Anulae's efforts to work closely with Cuepacs to address problems among their members, especially civil servants, in order to ensure their well-being.

"I hope we can all work together to ensure the rights and welfare of

every civil servant can be protected in the best possible way.

"I also hope Anulae will continue playing its role as the eyes and ears of the government in the local community with the cooperation from the Housing and Local Government Ministry and its agencies," he said.

In a related development, Muhyiddin said he was aware and concerned about the welfare of civil servants, including frontline workers, who have sacrificed their time and energy to protect the community during this pandemic.

As such, as a token of appreciation and in recognition of the civil service employees' contribution, he said several initiatives were announced recently through Budget 2021, among them being the RM600 one-

off special financial aid payment to government employees of Grade 56 and below, while government pensioners and veterans without pension would receive RM300 each.

"The Health Ministry frontliners were also given a one-off RM500 payment in addition to the special RM600 allowance, which they have received since March, for their efforts in battling the pandemic.

"Other front line workers who qualify based on the criteria set by the National Disaster Management Agency will receive a one-off payment of RM300," he said. — Bernama

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