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Govt to pay attention to four ACCCIM proposals for Budget 2023, says Mustapa



Mustapa says the government is always serious about the rising cost of doing business due to bureaucracy and the impact of the shortage of foreign workers on the economy as often raised by industry. (Photo by Mohd Suhaimi Mohamed Yusuf/The Edge)

TUMPAT (June 25): The government will pay attention to four proposals submitted in writing by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) before tabling Budget 2023 in October.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the four proposals are related to the issue of hiring foreign workers, inflation control, Internet access problems and issues related to food security.

“The government welcomes participation and commitment from the private sector and the business community as demonstrated by the ACCCIM to jointly find solutions to the

challenges faced in doing business, especially in the context of the country's post-Covid-19 economic recovery.

"The government will continue to strengthen its role as a facilitator in resolving issues and challenges related to regulations to improve the business environment, boost productivity and competitiveness of traders, as well as support faster economic growth," he told reporters after officiating at the UMW Green Shoot Initiative launch ceremony at Pantai Sri Tujoh here on Saturday (June 25).

UMW Holdings Bhd group chairman Tan Sri Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman was also present at the launch.

Mustapa said the government is always serious about the rising cost of doing business due to bureaucracy and the impact of the shortage of foreign workers on the economy as often raised by industry.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has directed that the approval process for foreign worker applications be expedited so as not to jeopardise economic recovery efforts as the government's priority is to ensure adequate supply of workers to support the recovery of the business sector.

"Following that, the minister of human resources and the minister of home affairs will be holding engagement sessions with the ministries and agencies as well as relevant parties to speed up and facilitate the entry process of foreign workers who have been approved," Mustapa said, adding that as of June 10, about 19,000 foreign workers from 12 national sources had entered Malaysia.