

Topic: **Corruption: what does it mean to your generation? How can corruption, in your view, be reduced or eliminated in Malaysia?**

The most fundamental factor to build a sustainable and well developed country is subjected to the role of the ever giving government and the opportunities that it provides for its people. In this well modernised and stable world that we live in today, it cannot be denied, the fact that corruption still seeds throughout our evergreen lands. Many times our ears have been ringing long with the sounds of corruption and news of the bad behaviours of our leaders that are currently prospering in our growing nation. Even so, there have been no responsible actions taken to overcome this problem that we are facing and to our dismay, people are still afraid to fight for their rights to earn a better living which is free from corruption. As corruption roots in our soil, we are also burdened with the fact that this problem cannot be eradicated and as things gets worse, we are also faced with the problem that the youth will also be affected with the corruption that lives among us today. If we do not take proper and effective actions to overcome this problem, we will be forced to live in a nation where corruption still exits and is ruining the purity of our government that protects this nation and its people.

It is duly noted that this country, Malaysia is far from perfect. In fact, based on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2018, Malaysia scored 61 from a scale of 0 to 100 with 0 being the most corrupt while 100 being the opposite. Nonetheless, Malaysia is a vastly developing country providing many job opportunities for its people. However, Malaysia's 2020 goal is still very far from completion with 2019 nearing its end. This may be due to the lack of actions that are taken to promote and conduct efficacious measures that can help build and prosper a new and modern nation. With that being said, as a citizen who is aware of the problems faced by this country, I can speak out for my country's problems and empower others to do the same as well. No more fearing the ruling government, instead, we should hold our grounds and voice out this country's setbacks and the problems that it hides. Not only that, as model citizens, we can spread awareness through the infamous social media that swarms our youths today and the ones yet to come.

The Malaysian government should build a strong and trusting relationship with their people by proving to them that the government does not support a nation built on corruption. The government too should suppress any means of corruption, starting from petty corruptions such as bribery among small organisations to grand corruptions in which that involves the government. This process might take up time to ensure a mutual bond is built between the government and its people, though there might be a few setbacks that will eject from past mistakes and problems. Even so, the progress that will be made will surely help to overcome corruptions though on a miniscule scale. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission should enforce the laws regarding bribery and embezzlements that still exist among small organisations and companies. Given time, we can cultivate good relations among citizens and the government and at the same time diminishing the uses of bribery as well as eliminating corruption as a whole. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission should also counterattack international connections that involves any form or corruption such as extortions and illegal partnering by enforcing and constructing new laws that are more suitable and appropriate according to the recent

problems that we are facing. This is to reduce criminalisation issues among international waters to create a safer and more secure relationship between neighbouring and across the border countries.

Not only that, it is also the citizens' responsibility to put a stop to corruption as they are part of the fight as well. Citizens should be well aware of bribery cases that are currently taking a toll on the recent news forecasts and the issues that surrounds us on a daily basis. Workers, those of public and private sectors should be held responsible for any cases that connects them to any forms of corruptions, and even if we are witnesses to an act of bribery, we should be able to report it to the authorities, acknowledging the consequences we may have to face in the future. Not just that, we should also be held accountable for the actions that we take upon ourselves. As for those who are unaware of the corruptions that this country is facing, they should learn to not fall easily into corruption and the ways that they can do to overcome corruption as a responsible citizen. Workers should also be aware of the our nation's rules and the rights that they are entitled to so that they do not fall as an easy prey into corruption itself. Workers who have been tricked, fooled and cheated by irresponsible and selfish over-seers should fight for their rights and not settle with the problems surrounding them. This is important to put an end to corruption so that it does not plague our prospering nation in the future as this is highly in line with the 16th of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which strives to promote peaceful and inclusive societies. In correlation with Transparency International (TI), it has been stated that goal 16 aspires to fight corruption, increase transparency, overcoming illegal financial problems and provide people with the rights to access information.

In our everlasting and diverse community, communication is especially important to foster new relationships and overcome the problems that we face together as a team, especially in a company. With that being said, open communication is important to create a sense of trust so that people will feel safer and be more open to suggestions and friendly conversations. With that, we should entrust a healthy communication with our Co workers to create a friendly and healthy working environment. With this, corruptions can be eliminated from working spaces as workers feel more free to express their views and complaints. For instance, workers will feel safer to report on bribery cases happening in the office as well as any form of persecutions that have happened to them, this in time will help eliminate the many corruption cases in our ever-growing country, Malaysia. Not only that, managers should also take complaints from workers seriously and many times, they tend to overlook the problems circling around the workplace and at most, ignoring it. They should be more responsible and try to resolve these problems quickly and effectively before it becomes worse.

Transparency International (TI) has also stated that among the ways to combat corruption is to reform public administration and finance management. This issue acknowledges one of the most frequent causes of corruption, which is the misuse and inappropriate mishandling of finance and bank information. This step focuses mainly on improving financial management and to strengthen the role of auditing agencies in Malaysia so that they can detect and prevent suspicious acts that leads to corruption. Banking and auditing agencies should check and filter financial information to detect misinterpretation of data and any cover-ups done by illegal groups. Not only that, these agencies should

also function to disclose banking information to any outside source to prevent private information from being falsely used. Notwithstanding, but as responsible citizens of this country, we should also be wary on our financial state and be cautious to any changes in our banking information. This is important to enable full protection onto our banking information so that it would not fall into the wrong hands. Not only that, the government should also allow full access to information for their people too. As rightful citizens of Malaysia, we are entitled to have access to information on the latest news that surrounds the government, and to employ a more healthy relationship with their people, the government should be able to share information and provide freedom for them to access viable information. The government too should respond to the 16th Sustainable Development Goals, so that this country would not be left behind from other countries that are currently flourishing and be more open to the public's views on the problems that this country face is facing so that we will no longer be hampered by the many faces of corruptions.

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According to the World Economic Situations and Prospects (WESP) 2014, they have classified all countries into three main categories which consists of developed economies, economies in transition and developing economies, with Malaysia falling under the latter. This shows that Malaysia is still growing and developing into a modern and civilised nation, however, our dreams of developing into a well-united nation might be ruined by our lack of incompetence to our recent and problematic situation. Unless we start acting upon our problems and solving them, our country which was built on courage, hardship and unitedness will have to face the consequences of our actions in the future. We should have a sense of change and camaraderie among us so that this country will stand tall and be free from corruption that once held us back.

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