

Terap prinsip Rukun Negara dalam kehidupan

PUTRAJAYA - Rakyat Malaysia perlu sentiasa menerapkan prinsip Rukun Negara dalam kehidupan seharian bagi memastikan keharmonian dan perpaduan yang dinikmati terus terpelihara.

Menteri Perpaduan Negara, Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique berkata, prinsip Rukun Negara yang berteraskan nilai keamanan, perpaduan dan keharmonian perlu dipupuk dalam hati dan minda terutama dalam kalangan anak-anak muda supaya Malaysia terus maju dari segi sosial serta ekonomi.

Menurutnya, rakyat Malaysia juga diharap memperingati jasa pejuang kemerdekaan yang telah membina asas negara bagi membolehkan semua pihak berganding bahu dan hidup harmoni sebagai sebuah negara yang bersatu.

“Kepelbagaian bangsa, agama dan budaya adalah tonggak utama yang mencorakkan tanah air tercinta dan kitalah nadi negara. Kita juga harus hargai khazanah yang tidak ternilai ini



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dan pembangunan negara adalah hasil daripada usaha serta kematangan semua rakyat secara bersama.

“Seiring kita melangkah ke hadapan, kita harus memainkan peranan bagi memastikan keharmonian dan perpaduan terpelihara,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Halimah berkata, walaupun sambutan Hari Kebangsaan tahun ini berbeza berikutan penularan pandemik Covid-19, namun perasaan cinta terhadap negara dan kekuatan sebagai sebuah masyarakat yang bersatu padu tetap teguh.

Katanya, walau apa juga cabaran yang melanda, pandemik global juga tidak akan mampu mematahkan semangat perpaduan yang sedia terbina dan beliau mengharapkan semua pihak sentiasa menjaga diri dengan baik sekali gus menjadikan Malaysia sebagai sebuah negara yang dinamik, maju dan terus diberkati.

National unity minister: Uphold Rukun Negara spirit

PETALING JAYA: Malaysians should uphold the Rukun Negara as the bedrock for unity in the country, said Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique.

“Although this year calls for a shift from our annual celebrations due to the Covid-19 pandemic, what remains constant is our love for the nation and the strength that we have as a society.

“Come what may, even a global pandemic shall not break our spirit of unity.

“We will continue to stand united together,” said the National Unity Minister in a statement in conjunction with the Merdeka month.

Halimah urged all Malaysians to hold their heads high and live by the principles of the Rukun Negara which embodies the values of peace, unity and harmony.

“It is the very bedrock of our independence and an integral part of our progress.

“Do not let a global pandemic break apart the country that was

built steadfastly by our forefathers,” she said, reminding the people not to forget their sacrifices in nation-building.

“As we celebrate Merdeka Day, the hard work of our forefathers must be remembered and honoured, as people of all races join hands and live harmoniously as a “united Malaysia”, she said.

“The rich diversity and strong foundation have made this colourful nation we call our Tanah Air.

“We must never take it for granted.

It is our collective effort, togetherness and maturity that drove our country’s progress.

“As we move forward, let us uphold the spirit of harmony and unity.

“Most importantly, we must ensure that this spirit is passed on to the younger generation so that Malaysia will continue to thrive socially and economically,” she said.

This year’s National Day theme is “Malaysia Prihatin” (Malaysia Cares).

School principle Sit Wai Yin said: “Due to Covid-19, we have to adhere to the new norms and standard operating procedure. Only the class monitors from all levels represented their respective classes.”

On Friday, Lee called on the students not to become indifferent and take the country’s peaceful atmosphere for granted.

“Value our independence, for multiracial people to carry on living in harmony. We must also appreciate our warriors who fought for our independence. I hope the celebration is not just merely a yearly routine but for all of us to be committed to strengthening our unity to ensure a prosperous Malaysia,” he said.

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Time to embrace the spirit of Rukun Negara again

AS Malaysia celebrates its National Day tomorrow, let us all not forget our National Principles, the Rukun Negara.

Aug 31 this year also marks the 50th anniversary of the national philosophy upon which the nation is built.

Most importantly, we need to bring back the spirit of Rukun Negara as encapsulated in its five principles: Belief in God; Loyalty to King and Country; Supremacy of the Constitution; Rule of Law; and Courtesy and Morality.

It is part of the recipe for the country's harmony, unity and progress, and we need to ensure that it is not forgotten, especially in these uncertain times.

When Rukun Negara was pro-

claimed in 1970, a year after the May 13 racial riots, it was aimed at uniting the people and preventing racial disharmony and strife.

It served not only as a tool for nation-building but also as the basis for economic and social development to build Malaysia as a progressive nation.

However, over the years, this spirit of muhibbah and harmony of the 1970s and 80s seem to be lost among Malaysians.

The Rukun Negara, which was popularly recited by all races before the start of any mass gatherings or assemblies then, has been all but forgotten.

Its text, which was commonly found on the cover of almost all school exercise books and plastered on the walls of all kopitiam and common public meeting places to guide and remind Malaysians of its

principles and meanings, has also long disappeared from the public sphere.

Invoking the Rukun Negara principles on its golden anniversary cannot be more timely.

As Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin reminded us at the launch of the Rukun Negara Golden Jubilee Celebration last month, when the Rukun Negara principles are respected, there is harmony in our country.

"As long as we respect these rights that serve the citizens fairly and equitably, the harmony of our country will always be maintained," he had said.

Serious attention is thus needed to rekindle the national philosophy to ensure the country's continuous growth as a peaceful and strong nation with its colourful people of different races, religions and cul-

tures for many more years to come.

Malaysians must dive back to the basic fundamental principles in which the Rukun Negara was founded to guide and provide the direction the nation is heading, in terms of her stability, social and economic well-being.

Rukun Negara, like in the past, should also be made the basis for government policies and actions.

It must be embraced as a compass to guide and build Malaysia in every aspect as a nation just as it was in the 1970s and 80s.

It is especially crucial for us to revive this spirit among young Malaysians, and the government's decision to make Rukun Negara education a core part of its agenda to strengthen the unity of multiracial Malaysia should be commended.

Ultimately, we need to inculcate

the Rukun Negara principles in all our daily interactions.

As Muhyiddin also highlighted, "If we are all well-mannered, ethical, civilised and courteous in our day-to-day interactions, whether physically or virtually on social media, I believe our society will become one of the most harmonious and united communities in the world."

So this National Day, let us embrace the Rukun Negara's five principles again to bring back the sense of belonging, fair play, give and take, and caring and sharing as Malaysians of yesteryears.

Keeping the spirit and sentiments of this national philosophy alive can make Malaysia a successful and prosperous country as we face the world ahead and its many challenges.

Happy National Day everyone!