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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 16 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CONGRATULATED THE BARISAN NASIONAL YOUTH FOR ORGANISING TODAY'S RALLY AT THE JALAN RAJA MUDA STADIUM HERE TO COMMEMORATE THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF MALAYSIA.

IN A MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME TO MARK THE EVENT, HE SAYS THE CAPACITY FOR SUCH CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THE YOUTH WINGS OF THE BN'S COMPONENT PARTIES AUGUR WELL FOR MALAYSIA'S MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY AND WILL CONSOLIDATE THE WORLD'S CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY'S CONTINUED POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC STABILITY.

HE ADDS THAT THE RALLY WHICH ALSO HAS THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SABAH AND SARAWAK WILL SERVE TO FORGE CLOSER TIES AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG MALAYSIANS.

+THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND PROMOTE EVEN MORE CORDIAL RELATIONS WILL BRING US ALL CLOSER, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE OCCASION IS TO COMMEMORATE AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN OUR HISTORY,+ HE SAYS. -- MORE
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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM HOPES THE RALLY WILL REKINDLE THE SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM, WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR GREATER RACIAL HARMONY.

+AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO SAVOUR THE FRUIT OF OUR EFFORTS, WE MUST STRIVE EVEN HARDER TO BRING ABOUT GREATER NATIONAL INTEGRATION,+ HE ADDS.

DATUK MUSA SAYS MORE FREQUENT VISITS AMONG MALAYSIANS IN THE PENINSULA, SABAH AND SARAWAK WILL HELP IN NATIONAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS. -- BERNAMA
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