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PULAU PINANG, NOV 22 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA'S POLITICAL STABILITY WILL ENDURE FOR ALL TIME IF THE PEOPLE ACCEPT BAHASA MALAYSIA AS THE KEY TO UNITING THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS.

ONLY THE FULL USE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA AT ALL LEVELS BY PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE CAN CREATE A RESPECTED AND SOVEREIGN MALAYSIAN NATION AND ENSURE HARMONY IN THE SOCIETY.

HE SAYS THIS IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME FOR THE BAHASA MALAYSIA SPEECH AND WRITING COMPETITION FOR NATIONAL TYPE CHINESE AND TAMIL PRIMARY SCHOOLS HELD HERE LAST NIGHT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS THE GOVERNMENT IS IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS PROGRAMMES INCLUDING THE LAUNCHING OF THE BAHASA MALAYSIA MONTH TO STEP UP USE OF THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE IN ALL FIELDS.

NATIONAL TYPE CHINESE AND TAMIL PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN TARGET IN ENSURING THE SUCCESSFUL USE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA TO BUILD A NATIONAL IDENTITY AND A UNITED PEOPLE WITH LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY. -- MORE

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IN HIS MESSAGE, PULAU PINANG CHIEF MINISTER DR LIM CHONG EU SAYS THE PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE USE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA IS VITAL FOR THE PROCESS OF FORGING UNITY AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

THE RECOGNITION OF BAHASA MALAYSIA AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE DOES NOT PROSCRIBE THE USE OF OTHER LANGUAGES FOR UNOFFICIAL PURPOSES TO ENSURE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY.

DR LIM URGES ALL NON-MALAYS TO MAKE BAHASA MALAYSIA THEIR MOTHER TONGUE BECAUSE MALAYSIA IS THEIR MOTHERLAND.

THE PULAU PINANG GOVERNMENT IS DRAWING UP VARIOUS PROGRAMMES TO STEP UP THE USE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA SO THAT THE FUTURE GENERATION CAN INTERACT, SPEAK AND EXCHANGE VIEWS THROUGH THIS LANGUAGE, HE SAYS,

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