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PM CALLS FOR GREATER HARMONY, CAUTIONS AGAINST COMPLACENCY

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the strengthening of the Malaysian economy in the last few years had enabled Malaysians to enjoy better standards of living and celebrate the various festivals with much joy.

In his Chinese New Year message, Dr Mahathir however cautioned Malaysians against being complacent with their current prosperity.

Following is the full text of his message:

"My wife and I wish all Malaysian Chinese a Happy New Year.

"Once again Malaysian Chinese are able to celebrate their New Year in a peaceful and prosperous condition.

"Our tolerance towards the country's multi-cultural and multi-religious practices has enabled us to celebrate the various festivities with much joy and happiness, occasions during which there is participation by all levels of society. -- more

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"This joy is especially obvious with the strengthening of the Malaysian economy in the last few years which has enabled Malaysians to enjoy better standards of living.

"Malaysians, however, should not be complacent with their current prosperity. We should practise moderation in our actions and activities. Our future interest must always be given priority.

"To foster greater harmony and goodwill among the various races, (non-Chinese) Malaysians should join to celebrate the Chinese New Year by visiting their Chinese friends."

Chinese New Year this year, the Year of the Dog, falls on Feb 10. --

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