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LING SUPPORTS MOTION ON SEVENTH MALAYSIA PLAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik supported the motion on the Seventh Malaysia Plan (7MP) which was tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the Dewan Rakyat here today.

The five-year development plan underlined a more realistic approach towards national development efforts, said Dr Ling who is MCA President and Labis MP.

He said that although the 7MP focused on economic issues, it also give balanced emphasis on efforts to create a stable society with high moral values.

"In the pursuit of economic success, we should be vigilant against any increase in social problems such as dadah abuse, child abuse, loitering, juvenile delinquency, unhealthy lifestyle and family problems, " he said.

Dr Ling also quoted Oliver Goldsmith, a well known writer in the 1770, who said: "As nations accumulate wealth, men deteriorate and decay. They lose their moral and ethical basis - for leadership and growth."

Dr Ling also wanted all Malaysians to continue to cooperate with the government in the implementation of the strategies under the 7MP which was aimed at enhancing the income level of the people, preserving the quality of life and ensuring the well being of the nation for brighter future for the coming generation.

Malaysia, he said, had achieved a remarkable progress under the Sixth Malaysia Plan and is a model country for other countries especially among developing countries.

The success was the result of dedicated and committed efforts of the government apart from the spirit of unity shown by the people in bringing development and progress to the country, he said.

"All these have been possible because our country is fortunate to have a Prime Minister who is wise and far-sighted, assisted by a no less capable deputy," he said to the approval of the MPs as they banged the tables.

He said the success of the Sixth Malaysia Plan had benefitted all communities with the country's per capita income increasing from RM1,106 in 1970 to RM9,786 last year.

"The increase in the per capita income which is measured according to the purchasing power is more obvious, an increase from US\$978 (RM2,445) in 1970 to US\$9,479 (RM23,675) in 1995," he added. --BERNAMA

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