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PM PRAISES PPP FOR HOLDING NEW YEAR OPEN HOUSE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today praised the People's Progressive Party (PPP) for being the only political party in the country to hold open house in conjunction with the new year.

He said this was a good move because the party had striven to raise awareness among the multiracial people of the importance of living together in harmony.

He was also pleased to note that the PPP had members of various races who united and cooperated towards achieving prosperity and peace in the nation.

"I hope that the PPP will be successful and I believe that it can play a more important role in society today besides promoting harmony and that it can cooperate within the Barisan Nasional," he said in his message for the PPP New Year open house at the Putra World Trade centre, here.

PPP president M. Kayveas, in his message, said the open house was aimed at getting the party closer to people.

"Our new year resolution is to stand alongside our Barisan Nasional partners and provide political representation for the needy, the urban poor as well as to contribute to the eradication of social ills and create a caring Malaysia for our future generation," he said. -- Bernama