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Messages

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES POURING IN ON EVE OF NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Congratulatory messages keep pouring in on the eve of the country's 40th National Day celebrations.

They included from countries in South Pacific like Tonga and Tuvalu.

Tonga Prime Minister Baron Vaea in his congratulatory message to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad prayed that prosperity and peace in Malaysia might prevail.

He hoped that the warm and friendly relationship between the two countries would continue towards fulfilment of their respective goals.

Tuvalu Prime Minister Bikenibeu Paeniu in a similar message to Dr Mahathir said his country valued the cordial relations that existed between the two countries.

"In view of the economic successful achievement that Malaysia has been able to make, my people and government look forward to collaborating with your government in training and education and exchanging in activities of mutual interest to our countries", he said.

Meanwhile, DAP secretary general Lim Kit Siang in his National Day message urged the government to launch an "IT For All" campaign to help Malaysians participate and compete in the information revolution that was sweeping the world.

"The critical importance of the Information Age for Malaysia is underlined by the fact that Malaysia cannot achieve the Vision 2020 objective of becoming a fully developed nation status unless it could successfully leapfrog into the digital era, transforming Malaysia from an industrial-based into a information-based economy", he said.

In his National Day message, Aliran president P.Ramakrishnan said everyone should be grateful that Malaysians by and large were peace-loving, tolerant, caring, hardworking and innovative.

He said past and present leaders had also contributed much to these achievements. --BERNAMA

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