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Dr M: Unique racial relations well reflected in double celebration

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the uniqueness of racial relations in the country was well reflected in the Chinese New Year and Hari Raya double celebrations this year.

In his Chinese New Year message, Dr Mahathir said the Chinese New Year this year was rather special as it was being celebrated almost the same time as Hari Raya.

Dr Mahathir said the high degree of tolerance among the people of various races and religions enabled them to live in unity and to cooperate in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere.

"All this has a good effect on the nation's economic situation and on the people."

Dr Mahathir said it was this spirit that the Government continued to promote to perpetuate the harmonious relations among the races in the country.

This, he said, was important to ensure that the country remained strong and stable not only from the aspect of racial relations but also development and progress of the nation.

"In conjunction with the Chinese New Year, the people of various races should celebrate it by visiting their friends who hold open house."

Dr Mahathir and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, wish all Malaysian Chinese a Happy New Year.

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