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GOVT'S PRAGMATIC POLICY EARNS WORLD RECOGNITION

SEREMBAN, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The government's pragmatic policies coupled with the people's hard work had earned worldwide recognition for Malaysia as a vibrant country economically, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said tonight.

He said Malaysia is now the best model to third world and other developing countries.

"However, our challenge in years to come before the country entered the 21st century is to maintain the buoyant economy being enjoyed now," he said.

Dr Ling, who is MCA president, was speaking at the Mawar Haemodialysis Centre charity dinner attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at town padang here.

Dr Ling said the cooperation among Barisan Nasional component parties would continue to be the mainstay of the country's political stability and economic growth.

He said the government's efforts to create a caring and sharing society does not hinge solely on the government or individuals but also on the nurturing of a strong family institution.

"In this respect, the MCA will strive to work and cooperate with the BN component parties to realise the government's objective," he added. --

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