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REMAIN CALM IN THE FACE OF ECONOMIC DECLINE- RAZALEIGH

GUA MUSANG, Kelantan, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Former Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah has urged the government and people not to panic over the country's economic decline, as it is only a temporary phenomenon.

There should be no finger pointing during the present situation and the people should remain united and place their confidence in the government's leadership, he said.

"We cannot blame anyone.....some people are trying to accuse Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the source of the problem. To me such an accusation is baseless," he said when addressing the Kelantan MCA 48th anniversary dinner as its guest of honour here last night.

He said the problem of economic decline had affected all Asean countries and Malaysians therefore should place their trust in the Barisan Nasional (BN) which had its own formula to resolve it.

On the BN, Tengku Razaleigh said it should be further strengthened although it had proved to be the best arrangement for the nation.

"I myself in the course of my political career had tried to set up another coalition using the BN model but failed because many gave priority to individual positions and their respective ideologies and were unable to accept moderation in their political approach," Razaleigh said.

MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the country should take pride in the present leadership as it had made Malaysia a model nation among developing countries.

The BN Government's success was not limited to bringing development and prosperity to the country but also in strengthening peace and harmony among the various races.

Dr Ling said Malaysia's Chinese community placed all its trust and confidence in Dr Mahathir to bring Malaysia out of its economic problems.

He said the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Chinese Assembly Hall were united with the MCA in giving 100 per cent support to Dr Mahathir.

Kelantan MCA Chairman Datuk Fong Chan Onn was among the 1,000 odd state MCA members present at the dinner. -- BERNAMA

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