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DR MAHATHIR PRAISES PPP MEMBERS FOR CLOSING RANKS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has praised members of the People's Progressive Party of Malaysia (PPP) for the cooperation and unity they had shown recently.

He said this showed that the party members of various races were willing to unite and cooperate to jointly achieve the Vision 2020 objectives in the economic, education, social and political fields.

He believed the PPP could contribute towards social and economic development besides promoting harmony in the country, he said in the souvenir programme for the party's open house and breaking of fast, here, tonight.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the Barisan Nasional chairman, said: "Once again I wish everyone a Happy New Year and may this year inspire all parties to hold open house in future".

PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas, in his message, said the open house was an occasion for all Malaysians to gather together to set new goals and be ready to face new challenges for the new year.

He said 1998 (following the economic slowdown) would be a year for all Malaysians to face new economic challenges and to adopt a different lifestyle to defend the country's economic independence.

"For the benefit of our future we have to spend less and be more productive," he said.

He expressed confidence that Malaysia would be able come out of the current economic turmoil unscathed "as long as we have a high spirit to take on the challenges ahead of us." -- BERNAMA

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