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LOOK TO HISTORY FOR COUNTRY TO BE STRONG, SAYS LING

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today the people must look to the struggles of past leaders to consolidate unity, to speed up the economic recovery.

He said the past leaders had laid a strong foundation, like unity, for development which had enabled the people to achieve success.

"When it's Merdeka season, we must remember the contributions of past and present leaders, especially Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who have worked hard to overcome the economic turmoil," he told reporters after launching the "Love Malaysia Send MerdeKad" campaign, here.

He said the people should use the current economic slowdown as an opportunity to strengthen discipline, commitment and racial unity which are badly needed to help the leaders revive the economy as soon as possible.

The campaign to cultivate patriotism in conjunction with the National Day on Aug 31 involves the distribution of 4 million greeting cards printed in today's publication of the Nanyang Siang Pau newspaper and sponsored by several companies.

Dr Ling urged the people to send send these greeting cards to strengthen unity and love for the nation.

They can also send greetings to the leaders and the public through the Internet at www.MerdeKAD.com.

Meanwhile, speaking at the presentation of prizes for an essay writing contest on "Malaysian Race" organised by the MCA publicity bureau, Dr Ling, who is also MCA president, said attributes like honesty, trustworthiness and responsibility should form the foundation of a Malaysian race.

At the function he also launched the book, "New Malaysian", published by the MCA in the Chinese language.

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