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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES CYBER-WAY NATIONALISM DRIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today simultaneously launched a movement for uplifting the nationalistic spirit of Malaysians called "Gerakan Cinta Negara" and the Information Ministry's special web site through which citizens can express their love for Malaysia.

To do that Malaysians can access the web site at <http://kempen.gov.my>.

The brief launch was held at the Wisma TV foyer at Angkasapuri soon after Dr Mahathir finished taping his new year message over Radio Television Malaysia.

The prime minister was accompanied by Information Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat.

Mohamed said Cinta Negara is a movement aimed at creating awareness towards reinforcing solidarity among Malaysians and mustering their support for government economic recovery measures and efforts towards rejuvenating nation-building.

The drive is essentially targeted at youths and at instilling their appreciation of the sacrifices of generations before them in bringing about development, prosperity and peace to the country.

Mohamed said in the souvenir programme for the launching that intense on-going globalisation has become a new weapon for world powers to usurp the political, economic and social sovereignty of nations, including Malaysia.

"We're taking on these emerging evils which come in the form economic and political onslaughts, in that order," Mohamed said.

At the function, the prime minister launched the Cinta Negara logo depicting the letter M embossed over a heart symbolising love for the country.

The main colours of the Malaysian flag "Jalur Gemilang" on the logo signify national resilience, peace, prosperity and economic stability.

The letter "M" symbolises Malaysians' pride for their motherland.

The letter M in bold blue with white borders depict the people's loyalty and the predominant use of yellow as the backdrop translates into the sovereignty of the country's administrative system.

At the close of the function Dr Mahathir also put his signature onto the "Cetusan Rasa" book in which Malaysians record their objection to foreign interference in Malaysia's internal affairs.

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