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CALL TO LAUNCH NATIONAL RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- The time has come for the government to launch a national economic recovery and competitiveness plan to galvanise the entire nation to address the relevant issues and overcome problems.

The National Economic Action Council (Neac) should give this matter its attention, Datuk Lee Lam Thye said in a statement here today when responding to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Hari Raya message.

Lee, who is a panel member of the National Unity Advisory Board, commended Dr Mahathir's call to Malaysians to put national interest above all else to overcome the economic problems, saying it deserves the fullest response from all quarters.

"In times of economic hardship affecting the entire nation, what is vitally needed is unity, courage and determination to face these problems and devise effective measures to tackle them" he said.

Lee said national unity, involving all the communities, labour and management, business sector and the government, was most crucial in overcoming the trying and difficult times that lie ahead.

The former politician also said that if there was single-mindedness, unity of purpose and effort with the necessary courage and determination, the road to recovery would be less difficult "as we prepare ourselves to enter the new millenium."-- BERNAMA

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