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AGONG HOPES THE PEOPLE WILL NOT CREATE CHAOS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar hoped that the people would not create chaos by taking extreme action that could jeopardise national peace and harmony.

The King also called on the people to show their appreciation to the government by maintaining good relations between one another at all times.

"I hope the people would count their blessing and thank the government which had strived with determination, dedication and commitment to bring continuous development for the benefit of the people," Tuanku Ja'afar said at the Official Farewell ceremony held by the federal government, here tonight.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also urged the people to uphold the concept of the sovereignty of the law so that national stability could be enhanced.

"We had shown our capability in staying united and working together without thinking of self-interest despite the multi-racial nature of the Malaysian community," he said.

Tuanku Ja'afar hoped that despite the effects of the economic crisis faced by the country, the people would continue to maintain racial harmony.

"Let's appreciate noble traits and assimilate ethical values in the interest of our children's future. I believe that with the cooperation of all the people the country would be able to overcome fully the economic woes and subsequently bring development to everybody," the King said.

Tuanku Ja'afar also thanked the federal government as well as the civil service officers for their cooperation during his five-year reign as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The King also expressed deep appreciation to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had helped tremendously not only in matters of national administration and leadership but also for the valuable advice rendered.

"The Prime Minister's bold and vocal stand in championing the cause of justice had lifted the nation's image in the eyes of the world," he said.

Tuanku Ja'afar believed that the Prime Minister's traits and his determination and dedication as well as that of the members of his government had succeeded in taking Malaysia to the present level of development despite the economic problems faced by the country.

"I'm glad that the bold and firm measures taken by the government to overcome the economic woes had shown positive result. With the cooperation and support of everyone, the country's economy has already shown signs of recovery," said the King.

Tuanku Ja'afar was also happy that the economic problems had not affected national stability, on the contrary, the people had given their undivided support towards efforts and programmes aimed at recovery without having to seek aid from international bodies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong wanted the people to continue to nurture the spirit of solidarity as it was the key in determining peace and upholding the nation's sovereignty.

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