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Delegates applaud Dr Mahathir for his efforts

MUAR, Fri. - More than 1,500 delegates attending the 62nd anniversary celebrations of the Muar Teochew Association here last night applauded Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wholeheartedly for his untiring efforts in helping to revive the nation's economy.

Led by Health Minister and MCA vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng, the crowd continued to clap their hands in appreciation of the Prime Minister's foresight, leadership and vision for Malaysia.

Earlier, Chua had outlined Dr Mahathir's list of economic achievements, including how he prevailed over foreign criticism of his selective capital control measures.

The turn around of Malaysia's economy, he noted, had silenced Dr Mahathir's critics who had earlier predicted that Malaysia's capital control measures would spell doom for the country.

Chua pointed out that even Clyde V. Prestowitz Jr, the founder and president of Washington-based Economic Strategy Institute, had praised Malaysia's efforts at overcoming the financial crisis.

Prestowitz had forecast that Malaysia's economy would rebound to a record four to six per cent growth this year.

Said Chua: "Such economic achievement is hard to attain and it is not easy for other countries to emulate. This is why many Commonwealth leaders are keen to hear from Dr Mahathir of Malaysia's success and experience."

He also noted that Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku had said they (the Commonwealth members) had acknowledged Malaysia's strategy, especially the selective capital controls and other economic recovery measures had yielded positive results.

Chua said had Malaysia blindly followed neighbouring countries and succumbed to the International Monetary Fund, it would have been colonised as was the case with other countries.

"Our success story is the result of untold sacrifices, hard work and the unwavering support for the Barisan Nasional by the people.

"I am certain Malaysians will continue to back a strong BN Government to ensure continuous progress, unity and peace."

He advised Malaysians not to be misled by lies spread by DAP, Pas, Parti Keadilan and Parti Rakyat Malaysia, which had formed a coalition to hoodwink them.

Chua said only a stable BN Government could ensure economic and political stability for future generations.

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