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DELEGATE DISPLAYS FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- A delegate spiced up his speech with phrases in Thai, Hindi and Japanese when debating on the Umno president's policy speech at the party general assembly here today.

Datuk Ramly Zahari used several Japanese phrases when relating his conversation with a Japanese who held Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in high esteem.

The Perak state executive councillor used a Hindi saying which meant "love cannot be bought or sold" when describing Umno members' love for Dr Mahathir.

And he used a Thai saying that meant "it's all right to be sad during misery, not in times of happiness" to remind the people to be willing to face hardship during the economic downturn.

An impressed Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah, the party's permanent chairman, then said: "He seems to know a lot of languages, I only know the (Thai) word tom yam."

Ramly switched to English too when speaking about Parti Keadilan Nasional Nasional. He said "Adil" stood for "Agent of Damage in Life".

The delegate also quoted a hadis (sayings and practices of Prophet Muhammad) which carries the meaning: "Beware, don't be extreme on religious issues because people before our times were destroyed for going overboard on religious issues".

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