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MALAYSIA A SHINING STAR OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Works Minister and MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu has called on Malaysians to continue safeguarding the peace, stability and progress that has made Malaysia a shining star in Southeast Asia.

"This should be in our mind wherever we are and in whatever we do," he said on the eve of the country's 42nd National Day.

In his message, he said only the Barisan Nasional (BN) government under the strong and able leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad could ensure that peace, stability and progress prevailed.

Saying that this year's National Day would be the last for the this century, he urged the people to continue placing their priorities on maintaining unity among the various races.

"We have progressed for 42 years under the BN government which has provided us better living standard, a quality life, and a stable government which has been upholding national unity," Samy Vellu said.

He paid tribute to Dr Mahathir, the BN government and the people for their hard work that saw the country freeing itself from recession.

Samy Vellu said Malaysia today stood as an example of a newly-industrialised country.

"This progress is attributed to the commitment and dedication of the BN," he said.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam called on Sabahans to focus fully on contributing towards the progress of the state and to avoid any dispute that could hinder economic growth.

"Let's work together to redouble efforts and our determination to make the country and the people self-sufficient, capable of managing the country independently and able to compete with the other nations," he said in his message in conjunction with the National Day celebration.

He said much could be achieved if the people strengthened their resolve to unite in facing whatever challenges and this was proven when the country overcame the economic crisis recently.

Osu said Malaysians in Sabah congratulated Dr Mahathir and the national leaders for the successful formula adopted to revive the economy.

He also called on the people to be thankful for the peace prevailing in the country following the sacrifice made by the leaders with the strong support of the people.

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