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MALAYSIANS TOLD TO VALUE PREVAILING POLITICAL SYSTEM

KOTA KINABALU, July 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysians should value the prevailing political system in the country because it had enabled everyone to live in peace and harmony, said Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Salleh Tun Said.

The political system which had evolved since Independence is unique and is the best for Malaysia, taking into account its multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious society, he said at a farewell dinner for some 400 delegates of the national-level AGM of the Malaysian Ex-Education Service Officers Association here last night.

"Therefore, we should be careful and should not be taken in by sweet talk by outsiders who are jealous of Malaysia's success as though there is a better system for us. We should not ape the West and in the process destroy our own nation," said Salleh who is also Umno Sabah's Education Bureau chief.

Under the able leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia not only progressed but had enabled its citizens, especially the Bumiputeras to stand tall among citizens of other countries, said the former Sabah Chief Minister.

However, despite government's efforts to help the people, a small group of Malaysians chose to criticise the country's leaders and discredit the nation locally as well as overseas, said Salleh.

He also said it was an irony that the critics were the same people who once received help from the government.

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