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SAMY VELLU WISHES MUSLIMS "SELAMAT HARI RAYA"

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said today other countries are emulating Malaysia because of its success in using its own approach to tackle problems.

"This shows the ability of the Barisan Nasional government under Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to administer the country," he said in his Hari Raya message.

He said the approach had also strengthened the national economy at a time when the world economy was slumping following the Sept 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

He said Malaysians were fortunate to be living in a peaceful, stable and progressive country,

"Although unemployment is rising, it is not as bad as in other countries. The retrenched are still able to get other jobs," he said.

He said the tolerance and understanding among Malaysians must be maintained to ensure the country's resilience in facing the challenges of a global economy.

He urged the people to continue with the tradition of holding open house and advised those returning to their hometowns for Hari Raya to drive carefully.

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