

Tham: PM's US visit will boost

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awareness

KOTA KINABALU: Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Tham Nyip Shen said the Prime Minister's recent visit to the United States would create more awareness about Malaysia's contributions towards world security.

He said other countries would now take notice of the Government's effective role in developing the country and in efforts towards enhancing peace and security in the region.

"We have been unfairly labelled as having violated human rights," Tham said yesterday after launching the Asean Hakka convention here.

He said Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to the United

States would also help Americans understand that Malaysia "had its own way of doing things for the betterment of the country."

On the Hakka convention, he said the event would help members of the community to get together to find ways to assist in the development of their respective countries.

Some 480 representative of Hakka communities from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei and Singapore took part in the two-day convention.