

# 'Malaysia a role model for world'

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## Ling: Nations fascinated by harmony

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia today is a showcase of racial harmony and development besides being a role model for the world, said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Ling Sik.

He said many Third World and multi-ethnic countries wanted to learn from Malaysia, particularly about its racial harmony, political stability and economic progress.

"They are fascinated by how multi-ethnic Malaysians can live in harmony despite existing under such a conflict-prone situation.

"We want to share our recipe for success, our concept of power sharing, how we nip problems in the bud

and work behind closed doors to resolve problems," he said when opening an international conference themed *The Review of Chinese Malaysian Society and its Vision* here yesterday.

More than 200 participants from Asian countries including Singapore, China, Hong Kong and Japan are attending the two-day event, organised by the Malaysian Young Graduates Society.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said the political stability and harmony in Malaysia had enabled its leaders to focus on economic development and learn from

other countries.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had always advised Malaysians to strive for achievements, be humble and never stop learning.

Dr Ling said Malaysians must also be adaptable to changes for the better, so that one would not be left behind.

MCA vice-president Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn, in his keynote address, said the success of the Malaysian Chinese community over the past five decades could be attributed largely to MCA's role in creating a stable political and social environment.