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UNITY CLUBS NEEDED TO BOOST NATIONAL INTEGRATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- Social activist Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye has called for the setting up of unity clubs at all academic institutions nationwide in efforts to boost national integration among the country's multi-racial society.

Lee, who is also a member of the National Unity Advisory Panel, said the introduction of these clubs would benefit the younger generation.

"Through these clubs, they (youths) can carry out activities like camping and volunteer work," he said when contacted here today.

He said this when commenting on the concern by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who in his Deepavali message yesterday, said inter-racial relations especially among the younger generation, was still weak.

Lee said activities held by the unity clubs would create the sense of belonging among the youths apart from encouraging inter-racial ties.

Lee said it was a fact that racial polarisation still existed in local universities.

"It appears that students prefer to mix with those from their own race rather than interacting with students of other communities," he said.

Lee also said the proposed national service can be a key factor in promoting close relations among the various races.

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