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DR MAHATHIR IS A MAN OF JUSTICE, SENSITIVE TO NEEDS OF ALL RACES- MCA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is a man of justice, sensitive to the needs of all races in the country and this has strengthened the power-sharing concept, MCA President Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said today.

Ong said Dr Mahathir had always stressed the give and take attitude and reminded the various communities that no one race could get everything it demanded.

This had guaranteed stability, narrowed imbalances and enhanced the BN's integrity, he told a gathering at the Stadium Merdeka held to mark 50 years of political power sharing among the various races in Malaysia.

Ong noted that since Dr Mahathir assumed leadership of the BN in 1981 the BN had retained its two-third majority in the Dewan Rakyat in every general election.

He said Dr Mahathir's integrity and status as a respected leader well-loved by all races would be an important factor for the BN when it faced the next general election.

The MCA was confident that when Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi took over the leadership of the BN and the government he would practise the same power-sharing concept which had succeeded in bringing so much good to the country and its people.

He said the MCA pledged to play a constructive and positive role to ensure the continued success of the power-sharing concept in the interest of the country.

The MCA would also work towards strengthening cooperation with all BN component parties, Ong said.

The MCA leader said the BN should be ready to face the challenges of globalisation and the information technology era so that it would continue to remain relevant with changing times.

BN component parties should strengthen unity to prevent the PAS-led opposition from creating a nation envisaged by PAS, that ignored the interests and values of the various races in the country, he said.

He was confident that as long as the BN was in power the interests of the various races would be protected.

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