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NATIONAL UNITY FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE UNITY PROPOSED

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- A National Unity Foundation should be set up to involve Malaysians in activities to promote unity in the country, a member of the National Unity Advisory Panel Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said today.

He said the government could initiate this foundation while the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as eminent Malaysians could be involved to propagate its activities and reach out to all other Malaysians.

"A lot will depend on our younger generation who must make concerted effort to overcome polarisation at all levels particularly in schools and universities," he said in a statement.

With their solid foundation for nation-building, Malaysians should from now on strive towards achieving a "Bangsa Malaysia" or Malaysian race, he said.

"This is by no means an easy task but given time we should be able to work towards it," he said.

Lee also called on all Malaysians irrespective of their ethnic origin to rally behind Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wish to protect and preserve Malaysia's unique multi-cultural identity and culture.

"The PM's call to protect and preserve our multi-cultural identity is very relevant for our multi-racial country which today stands out in the world as an example of how different ethnic communities can live in peace and harmony and work together for the progress and well-being of the nation," he said.

He said as a country of many races, cultures, religions and languages, Malaysia was indeed unique in proving how its diversities could be united and harnessed for nation-building.

"Having achieved independence for 44 years, we should continue with greater fervour and determination to strive towards building a truly united multi-racial nation with a sense of common and shared destiny," he added.

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