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Treasure the gift of freedom

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FREEDOM is to be at peace with the self.

It is 46 years since Malaysia became independent. Sometimes I cannot believe the transformation that has taken place. We Malaysians should be jubilant to be living here. Look at the celebrations that are taking place all over the country. It is so remarkable and elaborate. We have progressed far since the days of colonialism. When people from overseas visit us, some of them are pleasantly surprised to see the different cultures mingling so well.

I express my gratitude to all the past Prime Ministers and, in particular, our current Prime Minister Datuk Dr Seri Mahathir Mohamad who has worked tirelessly to see our country through all types of crises.

It is now up to all of us to maintain this beautiful culture. No matter how good the leadership, peace and harmony should be cultivated in the hearts of each individual. We should treasure the precious gift of freedom which offers a feeling of liberation, as if the earth, the sky and the sea are all ours.

Parting thought for reflection: No one can stop us from doing what is right. We can build ourselves a better world.