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THUMBS UP FOR DR MAHATHIR'S CONCERN FOR THE MINORITIES

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir

Mohamad was today praised for giving the minorities in the country the opportunities to advance themselves during his 22-year tenure as Prime Minister.

In commending Dr Mahathir, who retires on Friday, the Dayak Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sarawak (DCCI) president Datuk Amar Dr Leonard Linggi Jugah said that this policy of the government was very much appreciated.

"And I am sure that the new leadership of the country will continue with that policy of assisting every community in Malaysia.

"We hope that he will continue to focus his attention on minority groups, including the Dayak in Sarawak and the Kadazan people in Sabah," he told reporters after leading a delegation of 14 members of the DCCI in a courtesy visit on Dr Mahathir, here.

Dr Mahathir will be succeeded by his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Linggi said that the Prime Minister had advised members of the Dayak community interested in doing business to develop self-discipline and the desire to work hard.

"He said begin from the beginning and work yourself up so that one understands the business and have the necessary discipline.

"According to him, these are the pre-requisites of any successful business enterprise," he said.

Linggi also put on record the chamber's gratitude to Dr Mahathir for his assistance in the formation of the body in January this year.

"On behalf of the DCCI, I would like to say that we are very appreciative of what Dr Mahathir has done in transforming our country from an agrarian economy into a sophisticated, industrialised economy," he added.

The chamber, which now has some 300 members, is mainly aimed at assisting them to reap more benefits from the expanding Malaysian economic cake.

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