

Zahid assures equal rights for all, says M'sia 'model of unity'

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Malaysia is a model of unity as it assures fair and equal rights for all races as stipulated in the federal constitution, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said.

As such, he said the ethnic minorities in the country need not be scared to practice their religions and traditional cultures, let alone to be worried of losing their identities.

"I believe that our different religions, languages and skin colours have made us a nation having a rich culture.

"The differences have become the strength, not a weakness, in the formation of Malaysian nation, unity in diversity," he said in his two-minute video message posted on his Facebook and Twitter yesterday.

In conjunction of Deepavali this year, the deputy prime minister also urged all Malaysians to strengthen racial unity and solidarity, which was the backbone in nation development.

He also reminded the people not to turn the social media into a medium that could shake national unity.

"Last but not least, I would like to wish all Malaysians, especially the Hindu devotees, Happy Deepavali 2016," he added.

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