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# Koh: Recite objectives of Rukun Negara at school assemblies

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**GEORGE TOWN:** Students should be made to recite the Rukun Negara during school assemblies.

This is to ensure that they understood the meaning of the Rukun Negara, said Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Koh said at present, students were usually only asked to recite the five principles of the Rukun Negara, but not the five objectives to be achieved through these principles.

The objectives include achieving unity among the races, preserving a democratic way of life, and creating a just society where the prosperity of the country can be enjoyed together in a fair and equitable manner.

They also encompass guaranteeing a liberal approach towards the country's rich and varied cultural traditions and, lastly, building a progressive society that will make use of science and modern technology.

Koh said reciting the whole Rukun Negara would only take a little more time during school assemblies.

He stressed that it was important for the five objectives to be mentioned as the country had not fully achieved what it strived for.

For instance, he said, there were still disparities between those living in urban and rural areas.

Koh earlier handed over 20 Jalur Gemilang to nine schools, nine resident associations and four security and village development committees in Tanjung Bungah here yesterday.

Also present was Bukit Bendera member of parliament Datuk Seri Chia Kwang Chye.



## RUKUN NEGARA

### Objectives:

- to achieve greater unity
- to maintain a democratic way of life
- to create a just society in which the wealth of the nation shall be equitably shared
- to ensure a liberal approach to her rich and diverse cultural traditions
- to build a progressive society which shall be oriented to modern science and technology.

### Principles:

We, the citizens of Malaysia, pledge all our energy and efforts to attain these ends guided by the following principles:

- Belief in God
- Loyalty to King and Country
- Supremacy of the Constitution
- The Rule of Law
- Mutual respect and good social behaviour.