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'Blurred' visions of Rukun Negara

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PENANG: The *Rukun Negara* should be recited *in toto* to include the five visions instead of only the five principles, so that the people are aware of the country's aspirations.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said yesterday that when the *Rukun Negara* is recited, the five visions are left out and emphasis given only to the five principles.

"We are so used to the five principles that people have forgotten about the five visions we aim to achieve through the five principles," he said.

The five visions are to:

- » achieve unity among Malaysians;
- » achieve a democratic way of life;
- » create a fair and just society where peace and harmony reigns;
- » secure a liberal way of life on all traditions and cultures; and
- » achieve a progressive society using science and technology.

"These five important visions contain the five important elements of unity, democracy, justice, liberalism and progress that we should not forget," he said.

Koh said he had proposed to the information minister that booklets on the complete *Rukun Negara* be reproduced to be distributed to schools and the public.

"These booklets will have the complete *Rukun Negara* where the five visions and



Koh (right) and Chia join the students in waving the *Jalur Gemilang*.

principles are listed and explanations provided for each of the visions and principles listed."

He said the *Rukun Negara* is actually a summary of the basic spirit and principles of the constitution, so it would be right for students to recite it in a complete form during school assembly.

Koh was speaking at a ceremony to present the *Jalur Gemilang* to nine schools, four village development and security committees and nine residents associations in conjunction with the 50th Merdeka celebrations.

Also present was Deputy Information Minister Datuk Seri Chia Kwang Chye.