

PM: Don't be complacent

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MALACCA: Malaysians should not become complacent now that the country's economy is beginning to boom.

Instead, the people should remain united and work even harder to ensure the continuous growth will not come to a halt, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi last night.

Speaking at the Chinese New Year open house at Jalan Hang Tuah, he said it was a happy occasion for all as the

stock market and the ringgit were strong, foreign direct investments were flowing in and the annual total trade had surpassed the RM1 trillion mark.

"I hope this Chinese New Year will give us strength, especially to the Chinese community, to work harder and contribute even more towards the growth of the nation.

"As for the Malays and the Indians, they have to join forces with the Chinese community to ensure the country's

progress and unity continues."

"We have lived together since independence and our diversity and richness in culture and tradition has been, and will continue to be, our pillar of strength," he said.

The national level Chinese New Year celebration was then launched by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin, who was accompanied by Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah.