

'NEW DEAL' FOR MALAYSIANS

MUHYIDDIN: PN SEEKS TO SERVE ALL MALAYSIANS

Gerakan's participation will boost ruling coalition's strength, says PN chairman

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PERIKATAN Nasional (PN) aspires to be a stronger political bloc to serve and protect all Malaysians, said its chairman, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

With Gerakan becoming the latest party to join PN last month, Muhyiddin, who is also prime minister, said the multiracial party's participation would strengthen the ruling coalition.

"PN is a new option for Malaysians. PN is offering a 'New Deal' to all Malaysians, and we

are here to stay for a long time.

"We want to remain as a political coalition which shares the aspirations of the country for future generations.

"We want to lead Malaysia more efficiently, effectively and competently.

"I am confident that Gerakan's participation will further strengthen PN as a coalition of political parties at the national level consisting of parties representing the multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-regional communities of the country.

"I believe, with its long history and political experience since its inception in 1968, Gerakan is capable of being a significant component partner in PN," he said in his speech to open Gerakan's 49th National Delegates Conference, which was aired live on the party's Facebook page yesterday.

Muhyiddin called on Gerakan and other PN component parties to always be prepared for elections and continue serving the people.

Following the stimulus pack-



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Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, with Gerakan delegates on the second day of the party's 49th National Delegates Conference yesterday. PIC

FROM GERAKAN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

ages announced by the government since last year, Muhyiddin said it was the responsibility of PN parties to promote the assistance programmes to allow Malaysians to reap the benefits.

"We must gain public trust, that we are a government that cares, be it at night or during the day. Go to the ground and meet the people as often as possible and deliver help to those in need.

"Many assistance programmes are provided by the government to the people through economic stimulus packages.

"All of you (PN members) can be conduits of information and facilitators to ensure that these reach the targeted group."

Muhyiddin reiterated PN's aspiration to unite Malaysians regardless of racial and religious

backgrounds as it addresses people's desires and needs.

He expressed confidence that PN would be the people's choice if all its members did their part effectively.

"I believe the people's support for PN will be more apparent and stronger when we prove that we are successful in fulfilling our promises and commitments.

"In addition to preparing our machinery at all levels, we must also bolster our preparations by learning past lessons.

"We need to be closer to the people to gain their trust. I believe we will prevail together as one strong coalition," Muhyiddin said.

Gerakan was officially accepted as a PN member on Feb 11 after receiving unanimous approval

from the PN Supreme Council.

Gerakan began its two-day conference on Friday, where the party discussed a proposal to amend its constitution, including Articles 5 and 6 on the party's emblem and flag, and Article 9.1 to lower its membership requirement on minimum age from 18 to 16.

Another proposed amendment was on Article 92.3, which is to allow any amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the Registry of Societies within 60 days of being passed by the National Delegates Conference, compared with 28 days currently.

Gerakan also launched the "Satu Hati Squad" and held a prize-giving ceremony for winners of the PGRM 2020 Anime Character Contest. Additional reporting by Veena Babulal