

**Discard Negative Attitude, Inculcate Sincerity, Says Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has urged the people to discard negative attitude and inculcate sincerity to enable them to continue to live in harmony, tolerance and mutual understanding.

He said only by inculcating sincerity, the people could thwart obstacles and challenges that come their way and cement friendship among various races.

"Without sincerity, jealousy, envious feeling and suspiciousness will rear their ugly heads and eventually destroy our relationship," he said in a Chinese New Year message.

Muhyiddin said he hoped the arrival of the year of the dragon would continue to bring peace, prosperity and good fortune to the people.

"Of course, peace, prosperity, and good fortune will not come easily without effort and hard work. We all know, the challenges of the 21st century demanded physical and mental resilience, especially in the face of uncertainty in the global economic environment.

"At the same time, efforts to promote and maintain unity among various races should be in tandem with efforts to improve the standard of living of the people," he said.

Muhyiddin said he hoped the Chinese New Year festival would be celebrated by all Malaysians regardless of their race for it was a conduit for unity in the spirit of love for the country and the tradition of visiting Chinese homes.

"Once again on this auspicious occasion, my wife (Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman) and I wish a Happy Chinese New Year to the Chinese community in the country.

"May the year of the dragon bring peace and prosperity to the Chinese and Malaysian society," said Muhyiddin.

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