

Global Movement Of The Moderates Enhances Human Right Values
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 17 (Bernama) -- The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) regarded the Global Movement of the Moderates mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as a bold and noble step to nurture human rights values by inculcating tolerance among the people.

SUHAKAM chairman Tan Sri Hasmy Agam said the commission believed that based on the country's economic performance, Malaysia could improve its human right records.

"For Malaysia to play the key role or as catalyst in the global movement, it is crucial to promote moderation in the country by taking the necessary steps, including replacing strict laws to moderate, civilised and humane ones which are consistent with current values and needs," he said in his message in the SUHAKAM 2011 Annual Report here Monday.

Hasmy said that this could be done by first accepting the Universal Declaration of Human rights and upholding human rights based on the Federal Constitution.

"It is important because these principles have been accepted by all member countries of the United Nations," he added.

He believed Malaysia could achieve a higher human rights level and be a model for other countries.

Based on the 2011 Suhakam report, Hasmy said that Malaysia had made achievements in human rights, although the progress was slow and inconsistent.

Among the positive developments, he said, were the Prime Minister's decision to abolish the Internal Security Act 1960, Banishment Act 1959, Restricted Residence Act 1933, the Proclamation of Emergency and review of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 and the Police Act 1967.

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