

Malaysia: Don't Back Down On Poverty Eradication
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has urged partners from developed countries to continue assisting in poverty eradication in the developing world.

Its permanent representative to the United Nations (UN), Datuk Hussein Haniff, said they could do so by fulfilling their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.

"While we recognise that our partners might be facing economic difficulties back home, we're confident those difficulties would not hinder them from fulfilling their ODA commitments, as agreed upon in many UN conferences," he said.

The envoy said this in a statement on Agenda Item 9: Report of the Economic and Social Council and Agenda Item 14: Integrated and Coordinated Implementation of, and Follow-up to the Outcomes of the Major UN Conferences and Summits in the Economic, Social and Related Fields, at the plenary of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly in New York on Monday.

In the statement which was made available to the media here, Hussein noted that many developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, were still far from achieving their development goals by 2015.

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