

UNSC Good Platform To Promote Malaysia's Moderation Concept At Global Stage - Envoy Bernama

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysia, as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) can use the UNSC as a global platform to promote its moderation concept in resolving conflicts and upholding universal principles of the international law, said Georgia's Charge d'Affaires ad interim (a.i.) Levan Machavariani.

He said that Malaysia's current position at the UNSC provided an important forum for the country to continue promoting moderation at national and international levels.

He noted that building peace at home and abroad through moderation was the most difficult challenge that might be faced by a government.

"However, Malaysia's approach of solving disputes and tackling extremism through peaceful means and diplomacy has brought the country peace on international arena and stability at home," he told Bernama in a recent interview held at the news agency's headquarters.

Machavariani pointed out that Malaysia, with its experience in settling disputes through negotiations and international mechanisms in accordance with international law, could play a significant role in the UNSC, especially when it comes to humanitarian issues.

Malaysia, which won the UNSC seat in October last year, assumed the post from Jan 1 this year until 2016.

"Georgia voted in favour of Malaysia and we stand ready to cooperate in promoting and upholding international law and reach the common goals," he said.

During the campaign for the UNSC seat, Malaysia highlighted the moderation concept, an idea mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Malaysia had taken an approach themed 'Peace and Security through Moderation, which brought success to the country in securing the seat.

"We commend this moderation policy because of its peaceful attitudes towards issues, towards solving problems through negotiations," said Machavariani.

Georgia, a country of 4.5 million people, established diplomatic relations with Malaysia in May 1993.

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