

**Selection As UNSC Member, Big Achievement For Malaysia - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's selection as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is a big achievement for the country to be proud of, says Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said, as a non-permanent UNSC member, Malaysia had the opportunity to be directly involved in efforts to foster peace, global security as well as national values and principles in the international diplomacy arena.

"The number of votes obtained is a recognition for Malaysia as a nation that is competent to perform their responsibilities at the international stage.

"The support that is obtained also gave a solid platform to Malaysia to implement its duty effectively as a UN security council member," Muhyiddin said in a statement in Kuala Lumpur, Friday.

Malaysia garnered 187 out of the 192 votes in the election process that took place in the United Nations general assembly hall in New York, Thursday.

Malaysia has been a non-permanent UNSC member three times in 1965, 1989 till 1990 and for the period, 1999 till 2000.

The appointment of Malaysia is effective from Jan 1, 2015 until Dec 31, 2016.

Muhyiddin, who represented the cabinet, also congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for taking the initiative to ensure the country was chosen.

Deputy Prime Minister also expressed his appreciation to Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and all relevant quarters who were involved in lobbying for Malaysia's candidacy to the UN Security Council.

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