

**Need To Preserve Nation's Harmony - MCA President
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said Malaysians must stand united to preserve harmony in the country.

In his Deepavali 2014 message, Liow, who is also Transport Minister, said this was all the more important amid concern over threats posed by extremist groups such as the Islamic State (IS).

"Malaysia is a very stable nation and we must fight against intimidation and undesirable elements," he said.

He noted that Deepavali was an occasion for Malaysians to spread peace, harmony and unity.

"We're truly blessed to be able to commemorate a myriad of festivals and diverse cultural traditions in our country," Liow said as he wished Happy Deepavali to Malaysians celebrating the occasion.

He also took the opportunity to remind motorists to drive carefully during the festive period.

"Remember to rest if you feel tired, stay alert and take proper precautions for a safe and enjoyable journey," he added.

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