

PM Hopes Songkran will Bring Ray of New Hope for Siamese Community

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- In conjunction with the Songkran celebration, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he hoped the arrival of the new year for the Siamese community will bring bountiful blessings for them.

Najib said he hoped all Bumiputera Siamese in the country were happy with the arrival of Songkran and continue to enjoy success, harmony and prosperity.

In a statement here, Najib said that as a multi-racial country, the Malaysian Constitution guaranteed the rights and freedoms of all citizens, including minorities such as the Siamese Bumiputera community to practice their culture and celebrate the festivals of their own race .

He gave the assurance that the government would continue to defend the Constitution and fight for social justice regardless of race, religion, background and skin color.

"Social justice should be internalised in the business of building a nation that is united and harmonious and moderate in approach in delivering, raising and handling any issues together," he said .

The prime minister said by doing this, mutual understanding with each other can be nurtured and unity in the pluralistic society in the country can be maintained.

Songkran is a festival celebrating the traditional Thai New Year in mid-April every year where people would splash water on each other and to the public as a symbol of solidarity , prosperity and security .

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