

Malaysia Pledges Commitment To Strengthen Role In Commonwealth

PUTRAJAYA, March 13 (Bernama) -- On the occasion of Commonwealth Day today, Malaysia pledged commitment to strengthen its role in the international association, including in peace-building.

Wisma Putra, in a statement, said Malaysia believed that inclusive engagement and constructive dialogue were imperative to maintaining stability and sustainable peace.

Malaysia also believed that the moderation approach, as espoused by the Global Movement of Moderates, should be embraced globally to counter extremism in all its forms and in the peaceful resolution of conflicts, it said.

"This approach, among others, advocates peaceful means, such as mediation, constructive dialogue and engagement based on mutual respect," it said.

Wisma Putra said this year's theme of "A Peace-building Commonwealth" for the Commonwealth Day celebration was an affirmation of the Commonwealth Charter principle that "international peace and security, sustainable economic growth and development, and the rule of law are essential to the progress and prosperity of all".

"At a time when the world is confronted with serious threats and challenges to the wellbeing of our peoples, the Commonwealth family of nations with its shared values of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding becomes a source of strength, hope and inspiration for all of its member states," it said.

Wisma Putra also acknowledged that the Commonwealth had played a catalytic role in strengthening society's capacity to manage disparity and diversity through its emphasis on shared values and principles as enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter, its Good Offices role, various programmes and activities as well as assistance in building democratic institutions, good governance, and credible and transparent elections.

"As it prepares to host CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) 2020, Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to the important work of the Commonwealth towards achieving global peace and security, sustainable economic growth and social development for the future generations," it said.

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