

## **Najib Urges Malaysians To Go Back To Their Faiths To Make Malaysia A Greater Nation**

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today urged Malaysians regardless of religion to go back to their faiths to make Malaysia a greater nation.

He said this was because the answer to becoming a great nation lay in the teachings of every religion, which promote peace and harmony.

"Just remember to go back to your faith because the answers are there.

"You must be a true believer no matter what your religion is, whether Christian, Muslim or Buddhist," he said at the 2nd National Peace and Harmony Banquet organised by the Christians for Peace and Harmony in Malaysia Movement (CPHM) here tonight.

Also present were ministers in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan and Tan Sri Joseph Kurup.

CPHM is a grassroots movement initiated by a group of concerned Christian leaders to promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance between the citizens of Malaysia who come from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds through fostering peace and harmony in the country.

Najib said Malaysians need to build bridges in order to understand each other better, aside from embracing the spirit of give and take.

"All races must learn to trust one another besides understanding each other's culture to promote harmony. Deeper understanding of one another can lead to more social and peaceful environment," he said.

The Prime Minister said even though Malaysia was a peaceful country, Malaysians need to put in efforts to maintain peace and harmony through actions, not just words.

"We must begin by knowing each other and have a deeper understanding of each other besides being humble and accept all differences," he added.

Najib said peace and harmony was not something that was naturally and instantly created but it has to be born in every heart.

"I want this social harmony and peace to continue forever as it is important that we build on what we have today beginning with a better understanding of each other," he said.

Meanwhile, CPHM chairman Wong Kim Kong said social peace was one of the most important components for nation building.

"We must intentionally and dutifully promote and create peace. Peaceful co-existence in diversity of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds will be decided by our attitudes and our hearts," he said.

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