

Transparency: Fairness underlining policies of Malaysia's new admin has restored confidence - Japan's envoy

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's new administration has paved a new policy platform for fairness, transparency and governance to guide Malaysia to a sound path of growth, says Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia Dr Makio Miyagawa.

"This has restored internal and international confidence in Malaysia, thus reinvigorating interactions with regional and global actors.

"The new business environment in Malaysia has started to turn the mind of Japanese industry into a positive mood to cast a new bright light to Malaysia as a destination of their investment," he said.

Miyagawa was speaking at a reception to celebrate the 85th birthday of Japan's Emperor Akihito, here Thursday evening.

Also present were Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng, who also present made salutation and offered toast to the Emperor on behalf of the Malaysian government.

Miyagawa said the Look East Policy mooted by Dr Mahathir, has always been the guiding light and was still shining between Japan and Malaysia.

He added Dr Mahathir, the original designer of the policy had stated on his returning to power that it should be resuscitated and rejuvenated.

"The security cooperation has always been expanding, as an integral pillar of the strategic partnership. All of those make us fully convinced that the continued bilateral close friendship will never ever flicker," he noted.

On the event, Miyagawa said the Emperor's birthday reception this year was special as Emperor Akihito has solemnly announced to hand over the throne to Crown Prince Naruhito at the end of April next year.

"On the following day, May 1, our nation will enter into a new reign," he added.

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