

**MESSAGE FROM YAB PRIME MINISTER FOR DEEPAVALI DAY 2004**  
**PEJABAT PERDANA MENTERI, PUTRAJAYA**  
**10 NOVEMBER 2004**

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I would like to wish a very Happy Deepavali to all Malaysians and especially to Malaysian Hindus. I sincerely hope that you will be able to celebrate and share this special time with family and friends. I also hope that the light that symbolizes Deepavali, illuminates the value of reinforcing the bonds that bind us together as Malaysians.

As is always the case in our country, everyone will come together and jointly celebrate Deepavali, fully sharing in and collectively creating a happy festive atmosphere. This is indeed what makes our society special and our country unique. We must always strive to maintain, nurture and develop this spirit of interracial goodwill and cooperation because I firmly believe that it is this that will be our pillar of strength, our important example to the world.

As we all know, Deepavali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. It is my hope that in celebrating the emergence of light out of darkness, we will be inspired to face the challenges ahead with faith and vigor, so that we may achieve all our goals and aspirations.

In addition to fulfilling personal ambitions, let us also work together to ensure that no group is left behind and that all Malaysians play their part in uplifting the lives of those who are less fortunate. We must understand that we are all part of the same society and hence, whatever affects one part will in turn affect the others.

Together, we can fuse the rising optimism with which we face the future with a real desire and commitment to develop a first class society within a strong, caring and progressive nation. Let us join hands, multiply our efforts and forge ahead with one objective irrespective of race and religion, to take our beloved country to ever greater heights of glory, distinction and excellence.

Selamat Hari Deepavali.

Prime Minister's Office

PUTRAJAYA  
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