

Economic and Moral Development Should Be Parallel

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WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER – A country’s economic growth must equal its moral development and the application of moral values in its community.

According to the Trustee of 1Malaysia Foundation, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, the matter should be emphasised to avoid immorality, especially among the younger generations who will inherit the country’s leadership reins.

“The rapid economic development is of particular importance in realising the National Mission towards a developed and high income nation by 2020. However, when we work towards achieving the mission, we should not neglect the aspects of moral development, especially

among the youths which is a great asset for the country’s future,” he said when presenting his lectures in the Kinabalu Lecture Series which is in its 3rd serie, organised by the School of Social Sciences (SSS) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). Also present was the Dean of SSS, Dato’ Mohd Hamdan Hj Adnan.

Tan Sri Lee said, in an effort to apply moral values continuously, various activities involving the young generation should be organised.

“Among them are awareness campaigns, voluntary works besides other social activities. These activities should have the characteristics that can include identity awareness and related to their own religious teachings which is the basis of moral integrity in an individual,” he urged.

He also stressed the importance of the role of parents in ensuring that their children were constantly exposed to the values of humanity early.

“Educate your children to discern between good and bad. Encourage them to mingle freely regardless of ethnic and religion to ensure the continuity of the 1Malaysia programme,” Tan Sri Lee added.

Located at the YTL Auditorium, Yayasan UMS, his lecture entitled ‘Moral and Social Agenda In the Context of 1Malaysia’ was attended by over 150 UMS community in this EcoCampus university. – *FL*

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