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**PRESS STATEMENT
THE CHRISTIAN FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA
NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE**

FORGING AHEAD TO BUILD A VISION OF 1MALAYSIA

Together with all Malaysians we celebrate our 52nd National Day with the theme of **1Malaysia : People First. Performance Now**. We invite Christians throughout the country to join their fellow Malaysians in offering prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for His kind mercies upon us throughout these 52 years of nationhood and pray that He may continue to shower His blessings upon us as we forge ahead in building a 1Malaysia.

Our founding fathers worked hard to bequeath to us a nation which respected and accepted all peoples as Malaysians. They gave us a constitutional democratic framework to undergird our nation and to enable us to build a country that is for all irrespective of race, language, religion or creed.

Today we stand at the crossroads of change for our nation. We cannot take for granted what we have so long enjoyed. It is our responsibility to re-double our efforts to ensure that Malaysia develops in the way we desire for the sake of our children, our children's children and for the generations of Malaysians to come.

Malaysians uphold the Federal Constitution as the foundational document of our nation and have embraced the principles of the Rukunegara to live in peace and harmony with one another and to seek the welfare and well-being of everyone.

Our new Prime Minister Dato' Seri Mohd. Najib bin Razak has shown the way and brought a new and fresh direction as he begins his term of office. His hope and desire of a **1Malaysia : People First. Performance Now** speaks to us of his vision and determination to see a united Malaysia with a renewed and revitalised set of standards for what it is to be Malaysia. His National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) tell us of his resolve to focus on matters of concern to Malaysians and to raise the bar in doing things well for our nation.

Together with our Prime Minister and our government, may we move forward to build a 1Malaysia free of the preoccupation with race, language, quotas and religion. It is a vision of 1Malaysia where all of us are Malaysians and treated equally as such. May we pray and work alongside him to do things the right way for the benefit of all Malaysians for "where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29 : 18, KJV).

Today, more than ever, we need renewal and rejuvenation in our government, our political parties, and all our public institutions so that they may fulfill the aspirations

of all Malaysians with honour and integrity the trust placed upon them by all Malaysians. We pray that all men and women in positions of responsibility and power will see to it that they themselves and these institutions they belong to act justly and in accordance with their mandate especially in promoting, protecting and defending the rights, welfare and well-being of all who call Malaysia home including minorities and foreigners in our midst.

As Christians let us continue to pray for the Prime Minister and the government in accordance with Psalm 72 that the Prime Minister be endowed with justice and righteousness from Almighty God so that he may govern in righteousness and justice and bring about prosperity for the people, defend the afflicted and save the children of the needy.

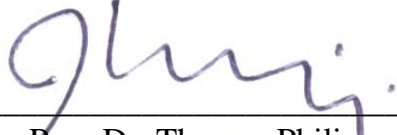
We pledge to work with the government to further the cause of national unity, sincere and mutual respect for all peoples of different religious faiths, a caring and compassionate society, a vibrant democracy, a strong economy for the prosperity of all and good, transparent and accountable public institutions to serve the people.

The churches join all Malaysians in praying for the good health and well-being of our beloved King and Queen, the various Sultans, the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, the Mentris Besar and Chief Ministers of the states, our parliamentarians and all members of the state assemblies.

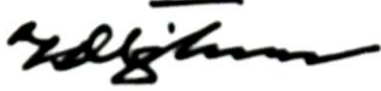
Our desire is to see continued prosperity with peace, justice and stability and the strengthening of the bonds of friendship and harmony among all peoples and religions in Malaysia.

Dated this 27th August 2009


Bishop Ng Moon Hing
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