

MALAYSIA AS A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY; HOW TO UNIFY MULTI-RACIAL COMMUNITY UNDER ONE ADMINISTRATION?

The unity of citizens is an important objective for a multi-racial country like Malaysia as it forms an important security for strength ness of the country and its administration.

Without unity, a country will be exposed to various weaknesses. These weaknesses are capable to cause its sovereignty to be affected as it cannot afford to resist trespasser from inside and outside.

Therefore, citizen unity is an issue that needs to be taken seriously in strategizing the country's development and administration so that it could retain and defend its freedom as a country which is sovereign.

Malaysia as a multi-racial country has 3 major races, which are Malay, Chinese and India. Other than that there are also other races such as in Sabah and Sarawak.

There are two major matters; how to unify multi-racial community under one administration.

Firstly, the citizen's acceptance of multi-racial races of this country to the country's ideology that is 'RUKUN NEGARA'. Country's Rules are life rules or life norms that are very important to each and every citizen of this country.

Adherence to this social norm is very important and if it's practiced by each and every citizen despite different races in this country, it would thus, definitely create a strong unity of each and every citizen in this country.

BELIEVING IN GOD

The first principle is regarding believing in God. It brings the meaning that Islam is the official religion of this country. However so, other religions other than the religion of Islam can be practiced freely by all races of this country.

There are no discriminations imposed on any races of this country on the grounds of believing in their religion. It is from this principle also, our country does not acknowledge other ideologies which do not believe in the existence of God.

BEING LOYAL TO THE KING AND COUNTRY

This brings the meaning that every citizen of this country despite different races is obligated to give their utmost sincere loyalties to the ruling King.

PURITY OF THE CONSTITUTION

This principle avers that it is the duty and responsibility of every citizen despite different races to be loyal and understand the content, spirit also the background history of the Malaysian constitution.

The background history is very important as it gives specific explanation regarding aspects relating to Malay Kings, position of Islam as the country's official religion, special rights of the Malays and rights of other races of this country, granting citizenship and position of Bahasa Melayu as the official language of the country.

Besides that, it is also the responsibility of every citizen of this country despite different races to carry and defend the constitution.

SOVERIGNTY OF THE LAWS

The country's ruling system is based on the laws enacted by the government. Every citizen of this country despite different races, religion and believes lawfully possesses similar rights.

This individual freedom rights is guaranteed by the laws. For example, freedom of speech, having religion, possesses property and etcetera is guaranteed based on what is determined by the laws.

POLITENESS AND MANNERIMS

Based on this principle, every person or group in a community despite different races is required to act and conduct politely and with manners.

It shall be based on a high morale, respecting others and avoiding oneself from raising sensitive questions to a particular race.

It is clear that acceptance of all citizens despite different religions, races and descendants towards 5 principle of country's Rule (Rukun Negara) would be able to help to produce solid unity and able to unify multi-races under one administration.

Secondly, other than practices towards the country's Rules (Rukun Negara) principles, the unity among the multi-racial citizens is achievable under one administration through intricate country development planning with the object to achieve unity at the stage of territory, economy, politics, studies and culture.

1) Territory Unity

Based on geo-politic, Malaysia is a country comprising 13 states of multi-racial citizens. The progress of sosio-economy development of each state is not balance. Because of that,

there exists situation where there are advance states and under-advance states in this country.

Therefore, the development strategy by Central Government needs to stress on this different economy gap especially on under-advance states to ensure for development in each states could help the country's objective to unify multi-racial community under one administration.

2) Economic Unity

The economic development process in this country is planned to enable all groups of races to participate in every field and stage of economic activity.

The government implements this through the New Economic Policy, whereby there are two main objectives contained herein. Firstly, hiring of workers at various economic sectors and at every working stage shall truly portray the arrangement of races in this country.

Secondly, productive ownership properties contained in this country shall be re-arranged so that the Malays will receive and manage at least 30% of the amount of the ownership.

Therefore, to achieve such objective, thus, re-arrangement of use force following the arrangement of races in this country is an action importantly done. Looking at the colonisation process; have created a huge and noticeable gap on the aspect of participation of biggest groups of races in various economic sector in this country.

3) Political Unity

In Malaysia likewise in other developed and advanced countries, have various groups of races bearing different religion, position, work and etcetera.

Regarding that, the main duty of political administration is to create a peaceful and stabil political environment so that the multi-racial community in this country could live and exercise economical, political and social activity effectively.

4) Studies Unity

Studies unity brings the meaning of achieving unity process among citizens through national studies system in a country. Such system shall be formulated so that the policy and studies program including training conducted at every state of schools, colleges and universities moves towards unity.

5) Social and Culture Unity

Social and Culture unity is a process of achieving unity amongst multi-racial citizens of this country through preparation of social program such as studies, health, housing, clean

water supply, electricity, culture programs and sports to all citizens despite different races in this country.

Having infrastructure facilities for the comfort of citizens in the whole country, thus, it is surely that the standard of living of multi-racial citizens in this country gets better and would automatically produce multi-racial understanding, toleration and unity under one administration achievable.