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Values for a harmonious nation

THE article "Five values this nation needs" by Prof Dr M

Liputan Mokhd Radzi (16)

civilised societies progressed along a different path based on values promoting empathy and

social harmony and upholding the rule of law. We have been sternly reminded of this by our Prime Minister

in his speech at the National Day Parade on Aug 31, 1970.

While we are constantly being reminded of the problems from our past, we must also remember our five core principles (Belief in God;

Loyalty to King and Country;

Supremacy of the Constitution;

Law, and Ethical

Behavior) as our an-

cient forefathers taught us.

More than 30 years ago,

the National Council of

Malaysian Organisations

(NCMO) proposed

the five values as

objectives for our

country's development

and to complement the

five objectives of the

National Development

Plan (NDP).

However, we are still

unaware of the very important

five objectives:

1. Achieving greater un-

derstanding among all

Malaysians;

2. Promoting a spirit of

cooperation and team-

work among all Mal-

aysians;

3. Encouraging the

development of science

and technology;

4. Encouraging the

development of culture

and art;

5. Encouraging the

development of the

physical environment.

objectives 1, 3 and 5

are well known and

widely accepted by

Malaysians. However,

objectives 2 and 4

are not well known

and accepted by

Malaysians. This is

despite the fact that

they are very impor-

tant for the develop-

ment of our country.

It is important that

we understand and

accept these five

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