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MALAYSIAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF BUDDHISM, CHRISTIANITY, HINDUSIM, SIKHISM AND TAOISM (MCCBCHST)

DEEPAVALI MESSAGE 2020

The Malaysian Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST) wishes all Hindus HAPPY DEEPAVALI. At the time of the new moon and on the darkest day of the month, Deepavali carries a powerful message of light dispelling darkness. Most years we often think this is something theoretical, a concept rather than something that is lived or experienced.

This year's Deepavali's message has a special significance, as we respond to COVID-19. We are looking for that light amongst what has been a very dark year. This year all of us have had to face the most dramatic shock in generations, lives have sadly been lost, dreams have been shattered, livelihoods destroyed, education disrupted, darkness descending in too many places.

But this Deepavali we say we have many reasons to hope in our country Malaysia. This year despite our worst fears we have supported each other, we have encouraged each other, and we stood with each other. We have drawn strength and inspiration from all our front liners especially the medical professionals and so many more who have responded to the crisis with compassion and professionalism. We have seen great darkness this year, its true but light overcomes darkness. There is light ahead and there is hope, a common hope for all of us. The darkness cannot turn back the light nor can it quench our hope and that is the message of this year's Deepavali.

MCCBCHST wishes that at this Deepavali, may the hope of our humanity that we have witnessed throughout this year dispel the darkness and the challenges that we all face. All Malaysians need to embrace religious diversity and stop religious provocation by celebrating the oneness that we cherish together towards a solid national solidarity, harmony and prosperity that is shared together in a fair and equitable manner.

Once again we wish our fellow Hindu Malaysians a meaningful Deepavali.

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