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Musicals With Unity As Theme Can Forge Unity - Koh

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- Organising musicals with unity as the theme can help forge unity among the various races and realise the objectives of the 1Malaysia concept initiated by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Dr Koh Tsu Koon said, apart from the influence of the media such as television and internet, musicals portraying the unity of the various races had positive influence on individuals.

"Musicals are one of the many channels of communication of highlighting aspects of life. Just like the movies, they have the power of communication.

"However, theatre has more positive impact because the artistes are people of various races," he said after launching an exhibition, 'Kita1Satu', by the Institute Advertising Communication Training at the Palace of Culture (Istana Budaya) here Thursday.

Koh said musicals carrying the theme of unity and harmony could be used as a platform to explain the 1Malaysia concept.

He hoped 'Kita1Satu' would set a benchmark for other Malaysian theatre groups to follow suit.

'Kita1Satu', which will be held at the Palace of Culture until June 27, complements 'Kita the Musical', a story of love, unity and multi-cultural friendships set in the early 1970s in Teluk Intan.

The musical is organised by Xi Yue Art & Culture, together with the Prime Minister's Department, information communication and culture ministry and Istana Budaya, to commemorate Najib's first year as prime minister and the promotion of 1Malaysia.

It is in the Malaysia Book of Records for having the most multi-racial cast in a musical.

'Kita the Musical' will be staged at Istana Budaya from Thursday night until June 27, with tickets ranging from RM30 to RM288.

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