

Full capacity

CFM Hi-Tea

The Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) was privileged to host, for the first time, the Prime Minister (PM) and the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) at its hi-tea reception, held on 13 December at the premises of the Council of Churches Ecumenical Centre in Petaling Jaya.

The DPM Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof was the guest of honour and expressed hope that Malaysians would work towards nation building with moral clarity in harmony and unity. In response to Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute's speech on the freedom of religion under Article 11 of the Federal Constitution, he assured the audience that the constitutional rights of all Malaysians would be protected.



DPM Datuk Amar Hj Fadillah and Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute sharing a light moment



Archbishop Julian Leow saying grace for the meal



Distinguished guests



CFM and NECF Chairman Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng addressing the audience



PM Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim all smiles as he arrived, accompanied by Council of Churches President Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute (left) and others

Arriving later to address church leaders, diplomats, interfaith and think tank representatives, PM Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim emphasised the importance of engagement for better understanding, especially in a multicultural and multi-religious country like Malaysia. He highlighted one reality in the nation today – moral deficit among political and religious leaders. The PM encouraged those in the community of faith and moral conscience to make their voices heard, especially in view of a disturbing trend where minority religious and civil groups are espousing racism and religious bigotry under the voice of the majority. In order to succeed in nation building, he added, those with faith and moral conscience must stand and work together.

The event also saw performances by Juwita Suwito and the Malaysian Worship Collective, and Cantus Musicus.



Guest of honour DPM Datuk Amar Hj Fadillah



Group Photo with PM and DPM



Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute



Juwita Suwito and the Malaysian Worship Collective



Cantus Musicus