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This is a joint statement by the following associations:

- Bumiputra Retailers Organisation (BRO)
- Industries Unite (IU)
- Building Management Association of Malaysia (BMAM)
- Federation of Malaysia Business Associations (FMBA)
- Malaysian Association of Theme Parks & Family Attractions (MATFA)
- Malaysia Retailers Association (MRA)
- Malaysia Retail Chains Association (MRCA)
- Persatuan Pengurusan Kompleks Malaysia (PPK) – Malaysia Shopping Malls Association
- Persatuan Pemilik Restoran dan Bistro (PPRB)

KUDOS TO THE MINISTER OF TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE

We, the abovementioned associations, unreservedly commend YB Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture for his courage and conviction to voice out the overarching and intervention of politicians on 'extremist culture' in our country. Their callous actions will cause further fracture to the mutual respect of all communities living harmoniously in our multi-racial, multi-cultural society and further divide the nation in this era of rebuilding a united and progressive society. There has always been mutual respect amongst all our rakyat in our different communities and it is this very diverse yet harmonious cultures which has made Malaysia distinctive and uniquely attractive to tourists.

We call on all Ministers in this Unity government to similarly speak up and right any wrongs on any relevant matters, immediately and without any delay, so as to halt any further misunderstandings and unnecessary simmering of hurt and of extremism.

Thank you.

Reference: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/01/14/don039t-let-extremist-culture-ruin-the-country-says-tiong>