

MENTAL REVOLUTION

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Preface

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THE publishing of this book is the result of efforts by UMNO Youth Malaysia. For years they have been aware of the need for such a book, one that provides guidance to the Malay community in ways of thought and action vital for meeting the demands of a new government in a new era.

Senu Abdul Rahman, working tirelessly as UMNO Youth leader, and lately UMNO Secretary-General, provided the main impetus to make a success of this endeavour. He set up the Mental Revolution Committee under the chairmanship of Ali Haji Ahmad, with the late Haji Hamzah Alang as Secretary and Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi as Coordinating Secretary.

According to the definition given at the start of the project by UMNO Youth, "Mental revolution is aimed at transforming the mindset, perspectives and attitudes of members of society, in line with the needs of the times, so as to spur them on to progress in all aspects of life." To achieve this objective, several subcommittees were set up at the beginning of 1968 to prepare papers on various aspects of

mental revolution: one paper on the economy, three on education and three on religion were compiled. Dr Rais Saniman, Prof Taib Osman, Dr Kahar Bador and Omar Osman made important contributions to the writing of these papers.

However, the materials prepared were not sufficient for a comprehensive book on mental revolution. The problem was solved when Raja Mohd Affandi wrote a lengthy paper encompassing economic, educational and religious aspects. The UMNO Secretary-General gave the greenlight for me to proceed with the editing of the papers at the beginning of this year. I have omitted some materials and added others that I felt should be included.

It is only fitting that Senu Abdul Rahman, the driving force behind this book, should write the introduction, explaining the principles and aims of the mental revolution, while I am given the opportunity to write its conclusion. Other contributors include Ali Abdullah and Buyong Adil, writing on the history of the Malays. The views of Wan Ismail Wan Mahmud and Raja Azman Raja Ismail have also been inserted according to the requirements of the book.

Several others have been involved in producing this book. Among them is a group of Universiti Malaya students who did research on education in a number of areas. Many others contributed valuable ideas during meetings. They were Othman Abdullah, Kamarul Ariffin, Salleh Osman, Mohd Nor Azam, Ahmad Salleh, Mokhtar Daud, Atan Long, Murad Md Nor, Abu Bakar Ahmad, Hashim Amir Hamzah, Yusof Majid, Noraihan Ali and others, too many to mention.

To all those who have in one way or another helped to bring this book to fruition, I give heartfelt thanks. May their efforts bear fruit in time, enabling the Malay community to confront the challenges of survival.