

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a black traditional cap and a yellow traditional shirt. He is sitting in a brown leather chair with his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Special Edition

*Pak Lah*

A Sense of  
**Accountability**  
an insight into effective stewardship

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