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The Monarchy in Contemporary Malaysia

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Professor Shih Choon Fong, Mr K. Kesavapany,
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies,
Distinguished Audience.*

I am delighted to be here this morning to share my views with such an eminent gathering, which is a more than usually perceptive one. After all, the monarchy in Malaysia is, I am sure, a subject on which you are all already knowledgeable, even if only by virtue of our shared history and proximity. It is also a subject, I do not doubt, on which there will be a considerable divergence of opinion. This makes it all the more enticing, and I hope to find at least an