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Foreword

The fourteenth of January 1976 was a sad day in the history of Malaysia when the country lost a statesman who had devoted his entire life to the service of his religion, his people and his country. The death of Malaysia's second Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, was an irreplaceable loss not only to the nation, but also the world.

Abdul Razak had contributed much towards the development and progress, and the prosperity and well-being of people from all walks of life. He was known as the **Father of Development** and the **founder of the New Economic Policy** which brought a successful social transformation to underpin our political stability, our country's development and the well-being of the Malaysian people in an air of harmony that now prevails. His skills though were not confined only to domestic matters. Through an effective foreign policy Abdul Razak had guaranteed the security of our nation in this region, and it was his thinking which gave birth to ASEAN on a foundation of peace, freedom and neutrality in this region.

Much has been done, for instance by way of publications, to honour the memory of this man and in gratitude for what he had done. To commemorate his name alone is not enough. To honour his name alone is not enough. A far more important and meaningful way would be by enabling the people, especially the leaders of the future, to experience and learn from the life, service, deeds and spirit of Abdul Razak's struggle for his people so that they would have a better life in the future. Various ways and means must be adopted to continue Abdul Razak's aspirations so that our Vision 2020, inspired by Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would be a success too.

This pictorial biography of Tun Abdul Razak has been written to remind us of the deeds of the man, and to bring forth an awareness of the struggle which provided the basis for our country's move forward to claim its rightful place in all areas of achievement, especially in social, political and economic advancement, and also in technology so