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PREFACE

WE MALAYSIAN CHINESE can be proud of our heritage. The Malaysian Chinese community has always been blessed with highly motivated leaders willing to work selflessly for the good of others. In particular during turbulent times. Tun Tan Cheng Lock emerged in the darkest days of the Emergency and formed the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) to look after the interests of the community. Always remember, we are now following in the footsteps of these leaders who worked unstintingly for the good of Malaysians of Chinese descent in times much tougher than ours. Our own efforts may seem small and insignificant in comparison to the sacrifices those early leaders made for the good of our present generation, but they are no less important.

Thanks to the hard work of our predecessors, and especially their determination to co-operate with Malaysians of all ethnic groups, many of the evils the nation's leaders fought to overcome in those early days, such as widespread poverty and narrow communalism, have been largely defeated. Of course, this is no reason for complacency. There are still poor and underprivileged Malaysians living in the New Villages, and at times there seems to be no shortage of ambitious politicians willing to exploit communal sentiments for their own ends. We have the heavy responsibility of working with all Malaysians to guard the peace and harmony of our

nation even as we build on past achievements and face the challenges of the future.

Much of this book is concerned with the challenges presented by the new world economic order and the new issues we face as we enter the 21st century and a new millennium. We in the MCA have a vision for the Chinese community. We foresee a day when the Chinese community will be united politically and work in unison with the other races to build the first multi-ethnic developed nation in the world. Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Vision 2020 challenges us all to work together to create a strong and industrialized economy. Our entrepreneurs are also seeking out new markets for Malaysian products at a time when the opening-up of countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam and China is presenting greater competition to Malaysia's efforts to attract foreign investors. Meanwhile, the new National Development Policy, which replaced the New Economic Policy, presents every Malaysian with virtually unlimited opportunities, not only for physical and material advancement, but also for the further development of a truly Malaysian culture. Being more Malaysian will not make us less Chinese, Malay or Indian. Instead, it will enrich our lives and help strengthen the ties that bind our multiracial society together. However, mere economic success can also bring a dangerous sense of complacency and even family breakup as is occurring in many Western countries. In short, while the future is a bright one, it will require the continued dedication of us all to ensure that our goals are achieved.