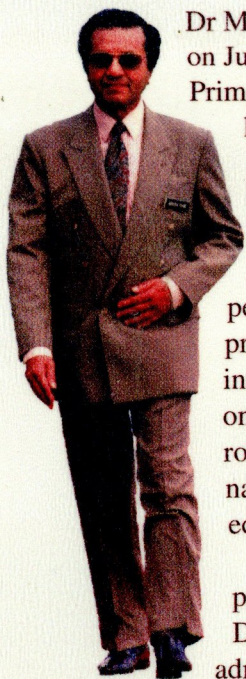


MAHATHIR'S PARADIGM SHIFT

The Man
Behind
the Vision



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Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who took the oath of office on July 16, 1981, celebrated his 15th anniversary as Prime Minister of Malaysia in August 1996. He has propelled the nation to greater heights; redeemed the dignity of Malaysians and restored their self-confidence; enriched qualities which enable Malaysians to move towards excellence; impressed upon the people that economic development was a prerequisite to raising the nation's status internationally; reduced the nation's dependence on the developed nations; and taken an active role in the international scene, defending poor nations still trapped in the unfair world economic system.

Apart from the dynamic, charismatic, pragmatic and visionary leadership of Dr Mahathir motivating and energising the administration to accomplish success after success, how has the Mahathir administration been able to attain so many glorious successes in a relatively short period of time?

This book gives an enlightening answer to this perplexing question. Besides looking at the opposition and challenges that plagued Dr Mahathir, especially during his early years as Prime Minister, it also probes into the philosophies and policies that have shaped the *modus operandi* of the Mahathir administration. The successes won by his administration is neither the result of chance nor a quantum leap, but a paradigm shift—a fundamental and radical change in the organisational and operative culture of the administration.

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