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LIM KIT SIANG

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The story of Lim Kit Siang is greatly intertwined with that of the nation. This book, however, is not a typical biography. It is neither a comprehensive account of the life of a statesman nor a hagiography. It is a tribute and a personal story of Lim Kit Siang's political life, and the organisation he is associated with - the Democratic Action Party (DAP) - in the past five-and-a-half decades. It touches on his successes and failures, joy and sorrow, and hope and despair.

Lim Kit Siang's political life is a fascinating story by itself, venturing into politics at the young age of 24 when he became political secretary to DAP's first secretary general C.V. Devan Nair in 1965. First elected to parliament in 1969, his dream has always been to build a democratic, united and prosperous Malaysia. Despite countless trials and tribulations, his determination and spirit never once wavered.

Besides some research, author Liew Chin Tong interviewed close family members, friends, colleagues, and of course the man himself. While Lim Kit Siang is not a person who easily opens up about himself, there are still a lot of captivating stories told in this book – about his passion for the Pokemon GO game, his voracious reading habit, life in detention, accidents and mishaps, and even personal heartbreaking moments in life.

At 80, Lim Kit Siang shows no sign of slowing down. His vision and actions will continue to guide the path of the party and the nation in the many more years to come.

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