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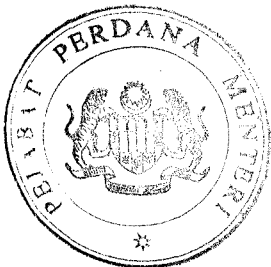
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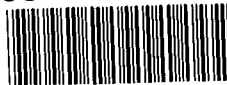
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Preface

Iwould like to congratulate the Department of Information Malaysia, for publishing the "Collection of Mahathir's Speeches 1998". This book, published yearly, is aimed at explaining and making the people understand the aspirations, ideas, views, mission and vision of Prime Minister Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, in his endeavour to make Malaysia a developed nation in accordance with its own style as underlined by the nine challenges of Vision 2020.

In view of the multi-racial and multi-cultural outlook of Malaysians, a guideline is needed to unite them especially in this era of technology and especially with the advent of the 21st Century which is expected to bring with it various challenges. The publication of "Collection of Mahathir's Speeches" since Dr. Mahathir was first appointed as the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia, provides the opportunity for the people to use it as a reference and obtain clarifications on the new policies introduced by the Government.

The contents of this book could serve as an important reference and guideline as well as become an invaluable heritage for future generations.

The gist of the speeches delivered by the Prime Minister in 1998 continued to cover all aspects of life, in line with the targets of Vision 2020. These included the economy, politics, social, spiritual, psychology and culture aspects with special emphasis placed on the economic problems faced by Malaysia as well as the steps that have been and are being taken by the Government to revive the economy of the country.

It is my fervent hope that every group and race in the country will make full use of this book so that our objective of becoming a developed nation could be achieved with great success.

