

A CENTURY OLD SCHOOL

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by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

1. I came back from a holiday in Croatia to attend the centenary celebration of my alma mater, Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid or Sultan Abdul Hamid College recently.
2. It was a sentimental occasion. Seeing the old school, quite unchanged since I was admitted into Primary I way back in 1932 brought back many sweet/sad memories.
3. The centenary was more meaningful to me because the school was founded by my father who was also its first headmaster. He used to tell me of his experiences when he was headmaster there.
4. It was not in the present building of course. It was housed in a wooden Malay house in the middle of the town of Alor Star. Called the GES or Government English School, he had Malaysia's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman as one of his students.
5. My father died in 1962. I thought he would like me to attend the centenary. I felt very nostalgic of the good old days when he used to teach me and my brother mathematics.
6. Before I was born he was sent to Pahang to teach at a school in Raub. Then he was sent to Johore to teach at an English school there.
7. Those were very distant places and he had to travel by boat with my mother and my eldest sister. My mother's second child, also a girl was born in Pahang. Mahadi my mother's eldest son was born in Johor Bahru.
8. Father got tired of shifting house and traveling to strange places. He came back to Alor Star and applied for an auditor's job with the Kedah Government.
9. Although his name is Mohamad bin Iskandar, people generally call him "Master" or Mohamad Iskandar. To honour him the primary school attached to Sultan Abdul Hamid College was named "Sekolah Iskandar" inadvertently honouring my grandfather instead. I have never complained.
10. At the main ceremony on the morning of Saturday 26th July the College named three ex-collegiate as the Collegiate of the Centenary. HRH the Sultan was the first, second came Tunku Abdul Rahman and I felt greatly honoured to be named as the third Collegiate of the Centenary. It would be another century before anyone will get this award.
11. To be able to study at the GES was a great privilege in those days. This was the first and only Government English School in Kedah. There were only 30 boys from the whole of Kedah admitted each year. I was one of the lucky ones.
12. Going to school was thrilling to me and I couldn't wait for school holidays to end.
13. I did fairly well and my Senior Cambridge Examinations result was good enough for me to be admitted into the medical faculty of the King Edward VII College of Medicine. I was given financial aid which was not a scholarship. The British Colonial Government apparently practised affirmative action because all my Chinese and Indian classmates had far better results than me. The examination results of the other six Malay students were even worse than mine. There were 70 plus students in all.
14. I owed my teachers in school a great deal. Only one of them, Mr. Zain, is alive today. He was a great teacher and spoke grammatically correct English all the time.

15. Schooling was such a great experience and I recall with fondness many rewarding events that I went through.

16. I hope and pray that all Malaysians remember their school days and the part that school plays in their lives. Getting an education right up to University level is easy now. But we must nevertheless feel grateful for there are more than one billion illiterate people in the world. For them the future promises very little.

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By shamid1973 on August 5, 2008 7:35 AM

what a sweet memory from you Tun. Always keep in touch and have a nice day.
By legendAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:37 AM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

Tahniah sempena KSAH menyambut perayaan 100 tahun. Semoga Allah memberkati KSAH selama-lamanya. Kepada Dr. M, tahniah juga karna dinobatkan sebagai salah seorang Old Boy yang paling senior.

King Edward VII School, Taiping pun sama meraikan perayaan 125 tahun(1883)pada tahun ini. Perarakan Old Edwardians + Young Tigers telah berlangsung pada 31 Julai 2008.

Saya sebagai seorang murid tua KEVII School, merasa amat bertuah karna dapat menyaksikan sambutan tersebut.

Magni Nominis Umbra... Once a tiger is always a tiger.
By Gaban on August 5, 2008 7:39 AM

Penggunaan bahasa inggeris dlm pembelajaran science & math; saya sokokng tapi ramai yang saya dengar tak sokong. Apa pandangan Tun pula?
By LeoSabriAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:39 AM

Assalamualaikum "Sejahtera Atas Kamu"

Semoga sihat sejahtera Berbahagia Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Salam hormat,
www.leosabri.com
By Lanomeila on August 5, 2008 7:39 AM

Dear Tun, thanks for bringing us down the memory lane. I was your opposite - couldn't wait for the school holidays to start! But I love my university days. Yes Malaysians have a lot to be thankful for.
By cool80 on August 5, 2008 7:40 AM

Tiada siapa pun boleh menandingi kehebatan dan kebijaksanaan Tun....Episod kegemilangan negara dibawah kepimpinan Tun hanya tinggal sebagai mimpi yang indah sekarang. Tiada siapa yang sangka episod yang penuh dengan kejayaan itu berakhir dengan noktah hitam yang mendukacitakan semua rakyat Malaysia. Tun, mengapa ada mempertikaian Wawasan 2020??? U r great!!!
By hailtheKing on August 5, 2008 7:42 AM

wow, tahniah kepada Tun dan seluruh warga Sultan Abdul Hamid College. Must be great for all of you.
Tahniah

hailtheking.wordpress.com

By RohanaAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:45 AM

assalamualaikum tun...saya sgt2 sayangkan tun.

By apanamaAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:46 AM

Sir, its refereshing to note that your former school (administrators) are not behaving like the leaders and a majority of members of your former political party.

If there is one BIG mistake that the younger generation should avoid emulating Umno and the Malays is the way the treat you now. Tidak menghormati dan bersikap kurang-ajar (Nazri take note) terhadap orang tua adalah sikap yang besar dosa-nya, lebih-lebih lagi jika sikap sedemikian di-tujukan kepada pemimpin yang berjasa kepada kita.

Dear Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad,
May God Continue To Shower His Blessings On You, Sir!
(This is my family's daily prayer for you and Dr.Siti Hasmah)
By ixora on August 5, 2008 7:47 AM

Salams Tun.

It is good to reminisce the good old days eh! Do write more of your memoirs.

By peejoo on August 5, 2008 7:48 AM

Dear Tun,

Me too...

But not much memories as great person like you.....

By tokapiAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:48 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Terima kasih kerana berkongsi pengalaman Tun semasa di sekolah... Teringat pulak saya dekat sekolah saya..

Saya pon bersekolah di sekolah yg dulunya GES, tapi no 3 la di Kedah.... terasa semacam nostalgia jugak lah walaupun baru 5-6 tahun meninggalkan sekolah..

Wassalamualaikum..

By me_1st on August 5, 2008 7:51 AM

ayahanda Mahathir and Che Det FAn..

By lizaAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:53 AM

selamat menyambut ulangtahun perkawinan pada TUN berdua

Semoga di berkati Allah kehidupan dunia dan akhirat

By MyMalaysia on August 5, 2008 7:56 AM

Tun ni mesti lepas solat subuh dapat idea terus post!

Steady Tun!

By Banderas on August 5, 2008 7:57 AM

Tun..... hmm so nostalgic.

By Derwina on August 5, 2008 7:59 AM

Salam sejahtera buat Tun sekeluarga,

Alam persekolahan yang cukup meninggalkan memory indah buat Tun.

cheer!

derwina

By penukulAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:59 AM

assalammualaikum,
dear tun,

Tempat jatuh lagi di kenang inikan pula tempat bermain.
Pada masa tu tiada siapa yg sangka tun akan menjadi PM.
wassalam,
belajar sepanjang hayat.

By kedah_kbg pasuAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:02 AM

Salam TUN,

Former PM from Kedah is still the best....hehee

Semoga TUN sekeluarga diberkati ALLAH

By rossi on August 5, 2008 8:02 AM

Salam TUN,

Congratulation for the award.

Semoga Tun sentiasa sihat.

By delimamasammanis on August 5, 2008 8:03 AM

Asalamualaikum wbt,

Apa khabar.. Tun dah makan ka...?

Sayang sekali apa yang budak2 sekolah hari ini dapat tidak dapat saya rasai pada zaman dulu.

sekian,
terima kasih.

By MyMalaysiakuAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:03 AM

Salam Tun,

Ahh...school days. Innocent days. I didn't get a chance to go to a "fancy" school but even then, my school taught me life long lessons. University life was also another experience.

Students need to be just that for their 4 to 6 years in universities. There is no need to be heavily involved in politics. There is nothing wrong to have an opinion and support your own brand of politics but those 4 to 6 years are crucial in nation building.

Great post Tun. Its sometimes good to talk about something else. Its a reminder that they are other important stuffs than just politics :)

By tun det die hard fan on August 5, 2008 8:04 AM

salam buat tun m sekeluarga..

saya harap tun dapat ulas tentang isu pak lah and tugu negara..adakah itu salah satu dari amalan islam hadhari?..

komen tun memberi nafas baru pada rakyat malaysia..

By beskal_biruAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:06 AM

Assalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera Tun,
Banyak latar belakang pendidikan Tun yang saya dan mungkin ramai lagi yang baru tahu, mengenai Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid yang mana ayah Tun mempunyai jasa yang cukup besar. Bila menuruti semula kisah Tun sendiri, saya rasa sangat bersyukur ke atas Ilahi kerana kerajaan Malaysia telah memberi banyak bantuan pendidikan kepada seluruh rakyatnya.
Saya salah seorang yang mengikuti pengajian di universiti Jepun di bawah Dasar Pandang ke Timur yang diilhamkan oleh Tun. Terima kasih saya ingin ucapkan secara peribadi kepada Tun kerana peluang yang diberikan kerajaan ini telah banyak merubah sikap dan gaya pemikiran saya. Dasar Pandang ke Timur bukan suatu dasar yang Jepun itu hebat dan kita perlu memandangi tinggi, tetapi dasar itu sebenarnya memberi peluang untuk membuka fikiran dan melihat sendiri bagaimana ketamadunan mereka berjaya menjadikan negara mereka maju dan rakyatnya yang beradab dan seterusnya kita mempelajari nilai-nilai positif yang dimiliki mereka. Terima Kasih Tun.
By Few_ad on August 5, 2008 8:07 AM

Assalamualaikum YB Tun,
It's quite a nostalgic and touching indeed. Reminds me to pay a visit to my old school somewhere in Peninsula Malaysia. You're a prolific writer as I always love to read your thinking and ideas in many of your articles. Keep up the good community service and may Allah bless you with good health & happiness.
By Nazirul HazimAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:07 AM

Tahniah Tun !
Not in a hundred years will there be another one like you.

Nazirul Hazim.
ex-MRSM Langkawi n MRSM Mersing.
By 712 on August 5, 2008 8:12 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun..

Semoga Tun berada di dalam keadaan sihat walafiat..Tun, orang zaman dulu walaupun bersekolah di aliran Inggeris, tetapi masih kuat semangat kemelayuannya..tetapi kalau zaman sekarang, Kerajaan nak mewajibkan matapelajaran Matematik dan Sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris, banyak yang menentang kerana takut hilang identiti melayu..tetapi mereka tidak sedar bahawa Bahasa Inggeris adalah bahasa utama dunia yang boleh membawa kemajuan kepada individu dan bangsa...semoga Allah terus panjangkan umur Tun untuk menyumbang idea, mengkritik perkara tidak betul yang telah dan sedang dilakukan oleh Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi pada hari ini. Terima kasih
By Nazirul HazimAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:12 AM

Dear Tun,

I was a student of MRSM Langkawi, a product of your vision.
On an island you so zealously developed.
That's a great honor for me, Tun.

p/s: Is there any chance you still remember our little meeting at Langkawi Falls in 2004?
There's even a gift from my family in your Galeri Perdana. A great honor it is!
Thank you Tun!

<http://nazirulhazim.blogspot.com/>
By warisan melayu on August 5, 2008 8:12 AM

Salam Tun...

Wow! A sweet memories and nostalgies...
By luvuchedet on August 5, 2008 8:13 AM

Salam Tun,

First of all,

I love you soo much!!

I luv u for your braveness to fight for muslim's right, intelligent in thinking and talking.

Thanks for the sharing..I know you need time to write but dear Tun I wish u can write everyday..maybe 2 topics per day..oh man do u know how much I miss to read your topic/article?

As I told u before u r my idol since I've been introduced you my one of my Sejarah Teacher (Mr.Lim) in my school..he told us that u r the MAN that will change our life and will put us in right track..his right..U R OUR HERO, MY HERO!!

I luv you...

Wassalam
By hajiman ibrahimAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:19 AM

Ybgh Tun.
Tahniah kerana tun terus menyanjungi dan menghargai diantara orang orang yang pernah berjasa dalam awalan hidup tun. Penguasaan tun dalam berbahasa inggeris antara jadi kebanggaan saya.

Mendoakan Ybgh Tun senantiasa dalam kesejahteraan dan kebahagiaan sekeluarga.

Tahniah
By raizul on August 5, 2008 8:20 AM

Salam Tun dan keluarga

Ucapan tahniah kepada kepada Tun di atas anugerah tersebut oleh KSAH.Semoga Tun terus memimpin kami generasi muda untuk terus berjuang.

Saya sebagai old edwardian dari King Edward VII Taiping yang baru menyambut perayaan 125 tahun juga terharu dengan kenyataan Tun.

Berterima kasihlah kepada guru anda, sesungguhnya jasanya amat bernilai untuk perjuangan bangsa.
By Roslee on August 5, 2008 8:21 AM

Alangkah baiknya jika pelajar zaman sekarang mencontohi generasi zaman dahulu. Zaman sekarang ni, kemudahan sekolah banyak disediakan oleh kerajaan setelah negara dah merdeka. Tapi pelajar2 terutama org melayu kita kurang sangat mengambil peduli ttg pelajaran. Sy lihat pelajar zaman sekarang tidak menghargai apa yg telah terhdang di hadapan mata. Pelajar zaman dulu walaupun susah tetapi mereka belajar bersungguh2 dan kejayaan mereka bukan sekadar kejayaan atas kertas tetapi kualiti dalam diri. Beza dgn hari ini, pelajar berjaya sekadar mendapat kecemerlangan sahaja tetapi sikap dan attitude tidak menggambarkan siapa mereka terutama orang Melayu. walaupun mereka menjadi pemimpin masyarakat pun, attitude mereka yg tidak baik akhirnya rosakkan masyarakat dn negara. Saya fikir, pelajar zaman sekarang harus contohi bagaimana org dulu berjaya dan mencontohi sikap mereka. Alangkah baiknya sekiranya ada orang Melayu yang sehebat Tunku Abd Rahman, Tun Abd Razak, Tun Hussein dan Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

By nadzriAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:22 AM

Interesting.

Tun,

How old is Mr. Zain?

<http://nadzrikamsin.blogspot.com/>
By yeop on August 5, 2008 8:23 AM

Dear Tun,

My school Sekolah Tuanku Abdul Rahman (STAR) in Ipoh, celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. My alma mater was meant for the bright kampung boys after Merdeka. I hope to send my eldest boy there next year.

Dear Tun, were really proud that one of the school building was officiated by you when you were the Minister of Education.

To say that the old boys are proud of our school would be an understatement. The school was our lives. We left our kampungs and our difficult lives and were given chance to have proper place to stay and to learn. And we succeed. Thank you Sir.

Even now, we will still stand up, rose up to sing the Ilmu Panduan Hidup school song.

Bangunlah wahai teman-temanku
Berkorban segenap tenagamu
Bersama berusaha
Membangunkan bangsa
Serta tanah air kita

Bangunlah tuntutan segala ilmu
Tunjukkan kebaktianmu
Jangan membuang masa
Dengannya sia-sia
Kerna Ilmu Panduan Hidup
By Steoh on August 5, 2008 8:23 AM

Hi Tok Det,

1. Primary and Secondary School days were fun times for me.
2. Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah and Sekolah Menengah Maxwell.
3. My primary school celebrated its centenary in 1988 when i was only 12. Seems like a long time ago. The late Sultan of Selangor graced the event.
4. Maxwell was notorious for having gangsters. I remember being really scared going there on the 1st day of school. Reflecting on my time there, things were not as bad as it was touted to be.
5. It was a learning experience going there. It was a chance for me to meet really good friends; Ravi, Poh Yee and Nizam. Very muhibah. The school did live up to its name. The headmaster's car was torched on my last day as a form 5 student.

6. It was his pride and joy.

7. My father in law asked me three times just to confirm I studied in Maxwell, expecting the answer to change if it was asked enough times. :)

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By azura sha on August 5, 2008 8:28 AM

salam buat ayahanda tun sekeluarga

i saw you on tv
you looked "nostalgic" on that day
hehehheehe
who wouldn't coz i would
anyways, congrats for this
third collegiate of the Centenary

my father ex mckk in early years
we went in there recently
with the guard's permission of course
took photographs in every angle
my father (a tourist guide) and us
and the building (many changes has been made though)
(i was a director of photography, hehehehe)
it is not easy to get in there those days
we thanked our grandfather for that

yes, those who live during merdeka
they speak "good" english
esp the english teachers
no offence to the younger generation
but the fact that it is true

-i just hope that the govt
upgrade our education system.....
-what type of books do you recommend us to read
make it like Oprah Book Club or more accurate
TDM book club
-what if i say these banned authors/books,
there will be classes with teacher's guidance
discussing the writings and the reason why it was banned

a question: do you write short stories (fictional)
if you do and if you remember
maybe you can share with us your earlier
writings.....
anyways, thank you for sharing your schooldays with us sir
as usual, i really enjoy it
pls keep on writing..always looking forward to it

may allah bless us all

By hariskasim on August 5, 2008 8:29 AM

Salam Tun,

Memang seronok teringat zaman sekolah sekarang ni. Tapi nak buat camana. Masa dah berlalu. Cumanya saya secara peribadi menyokong penggunaan Bahasa Inggeris dalam pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains. Macam Tun cadang dulu...

By AloQStaQAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:31 AM

<http://AloQStaQblog.blogspot.com>

Tun,

Banyak nostalgia zaman persekolahan Tun yang tidak boleh dibayar dengan wang ringgit untuk membelinya ... kerana ia amat bernilai bagi Tun.

Tetapi, lagi banyak nostalgia kami dengan kepimpinan Tun yang langsung tidak dapat dicapai nilainya oleh mana-mana jutawan/billionaire di muka bumi ini untuk disamanilaikan dengan harta yang mereka ada ... maksudnya, amat-amat-amat BERNILAI bagi kami rakyat Malaysia ...

Alhamdulillah Malaysia meningkat maju bermula zaman Tun ... Wawasan Tun yang berharga dan visi Tun yang jelas membuka landasan untuk kami rakyat Malaysia menjejakinya (err, tapi sayang sikit Tun sebab abDolah kelmarin macam tak yakin wawasan 2020 dapat dicapai kononnya kerana faktor ekonomi ... Hmmm, letih la duduk bawah pemerintahan abDolah ni - lembam & lembab)

Apapun Tun,

saya dan sekalian rakyat Malaysia yang amat sayangkan Tun sentiasa ingat dan mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada Tun dan kepimpinan era Tun yang dapat menjadikan kami rakyat Malaysia berbangga dengan kecapaian negara ini (16 Julai 1981 sehingga 31 Oktober 2003) TERIMA KASIH AYAHANDAKU, TUN DR.M!

Nostalgia kami dengan TUN amat bernilai!

AloQStaQ

<http://AloQStaQblog.blogspot.com>

By Neil on August 5, 2008 8:32 AM

Tun, Thanks for all the nice memories of those golden old days. We all have that memories that comes back once in a while especially wfen driving my kids to school. But one thing that still leave me in the dark is WHY this gov't don't fund chinese schools. Come and look at the conditions of chinese school in sarawak. They are surviving on day to day basis. The facilities at those school are worst than those chicken pens. Yeah! you and I have good memories but there millions who can't have 'chicken pens school' as a good memories. Leaking roof, rotten ladders, no toilet papers, sitting on the dirty floor, stale food, hot classroom etc don't leave behind good old school days memories. Do you think so??

By macfadzil on August 5, 2008 8:32 AM

Asalamulaikum Tun,

My dad was also a scholar in KSAH, I myself was schooled in Iskandar but never made it to KSAH since my dad was transfered. It is interesting that you had brought up history, as i believe without the past we cannot look forward to the future.

I would also like to record my appreciation to Tun for being the only house visiting Doctor at that time in Alor Setar and one who took time to come to my grand dad's house in his dying days in Sungai Korok. U stayed on although u knew that time was not on my grandad's side. This has been related to me numerous time by my late father and this is how I would like to remember Tun.

By temenggong on August 5, 2008 8:43 AM

But you did not give the same quality english education that got you where you are, to the rest of Malaysian students!

Just what if all the rest of the Malay students in the country got the same kind of high quality English education that you got? Where would the Malays have been today?

By Janjan on August 5, 2008 8:44 AM

Asslmkm TUN yg dihormati

Saya tahu sekolah tu kat mana, saya juga org aloq staq dulu. famous la sek Iskandar, siapa dapat masuk sek tu mmg dah bagus, tp saya pi sek convent dr rendah sampai menengah. Rumah saya dulu kira dekat juga dgn kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid, mmg saya dulu jealous tengok budak kolej sbb depa nak kawan dgn bdk Sultanah Asma je, budak convent depa tk mau. Masa tu tahun 70an, tp budak convent pandai speaking mcm TUN. Saya geram bila org marah sains dan maths diajar dlm BI, tak rugi pun kalau pandai speaking, ianya satu kelebihan kan TUN.

Take care Tun n Ibu Hasmah.

By mhmddean on August 5, 2008 8:44 AM

Assalamualaikum wbkht,

Semoga Allah terus merahmati dan melindungi Tun sekeluarga, sihat walafiat dan sentiasa berada dalam kesejahteraan hendaknya,

Semoga Allah terus jua melahirkan pejuang bangsa seperti Tun insyaAllah.

By Sra on August 5, 2008 8:47 AM

Salam TUN Dr M,

Congratulation for being named the third Collegiate of the Centenary. It is certainly a great memory. Frankly speaking, this great memories are without doubt due to good and dedicated teachers, schoolmate who shared the same vision to excel and the physical environment of the school. On another note, I do observe that primary school children in Australia or abroad are often more excited and happy than schooling in Malaysia. It is very interesting to analyse this phenomenon.

One of the main factors is that the school children here are not pressured with syllabus and the teachers here are more concern of children development and expression. Of course in the end the parents have to guide them what is good and bad expressions. But at that age it is important to make sure that the children feel happy and always wanting to go to school (exactly similar to TUN's excitement). They have the right principle that parents and teachers have an important role to play on children development. For this they always invite parents to come to school on certain occasions.

Unlike some of the public school in Malaysia, teachers always regard that parents responsibilities are only at home. Thus, parents grivences/suggestion can only be noted in the parents and teachers associations which are conducted annually. When the children have difficulties in school, parents are not allowed even in the compound. Even when parents are in the school the teachers are always feel insecure. There were at time that parents are not even being greeted by teachers. I clearly remember in my last visit to the public school in Malaysia, I could here the shouting of the teacher to another school children in about 50 to 80meter away from where I was standing. This is solely my personal experience dealing with the public school in Malaysia (suprisingly the public school was in KL and not in the suburb (hulu kampung)). It may not happen in other schools.

I have no suggestion to improve the situations but I think those teachers who are not dedicated and take the job as the last resort should be sent to 'boot camp'. Just like what Judge Ian Chin's experience. It is better there than making the children frightened to school.

Wassalam

Srazali ARIPIN
Brisbane, Australia
By LeongCW on August 5, 2008 8:49 AM

Dear Tun,

I wish I could go back to my alma mater,
Cochrane Road Secondary School (CRS) in Kuala Lumpur.

CRS boasted of having the largest field in a school, having the most disciplined prefects among other schools in W.P. zone back in the 80s.

Cochranean prefects are the only group of students known back then to wear their prefect's uniforms in full. They will wear their neck ties perfectly the moment they leave their house. If they are in prefect's uniform, they must not be seen without a neck ties properly worn.

Those are the good old days and after reading your blog, it does bring back fond memories of what has happened in school back then.

This, however, has come to an end. It was supposed to be demolished in the name of development.

Strange enough, my old school is still around, intact 1 year after it is supposed to be torn down.

Cochraneans though, have since been moved to a new school about 1 km away in which they have to share a small field with another school.

I know, a good school is not only about the size of its field, but I am only sad that it has to be relocated a few years ago even though the old school is still here today.

If only they can come back.
By Faridah on August 5, 2008 8:51 AM

Nice to know the personal side of Tun.
By protunmahathir on August 5, 2008 8:54 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

semoga tun sentiasa sihat, dipanjangkan umur dan terus menjana idea2 hebat untuk pembangunan malaysia, bangsa dan agama. ternyata Tun seorang pemikir yang hebat memandangkan perkara yg berlaku berpuluh tahun dulu masih lagi segar diingatan Tun..

By animaniac on August 5, 2008 8:54 AM

asalamualikum Tun,

I love to read your blog, you will always be my hero. I just wish I can take photograph with u soon. Just don't get it why some people hate u so much when people from the other countries respect u. Work at Sudan before in isolated area (Heglig), even people from this small town know and highly respect u when i told them i'm from Malaysia.

Semoga Tun sihat sentiasa dan diberkati Allah s.w.t
By kedahanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:55 AM

Salam Tun... Adakah KSAH akan mencapai kembali zaman kegemilangannya seperti dulu? Saya rasa tidak lagi selagi orang-orang politik mencampuri urusan pentadbiran sekolah.. Wasalam Tun

www.politictoday.com

By moyabira on August 5, 2008 8:56 AM

assalamualaikum Tun,

Mungkin Tun boleh cerita tentang penjagaan kesihatan disamping isu-isu semasa yg terjadi di Malaysia ini.

Semasa didlm Dewan KSAH tempohhari, saya lihat Tun sihat walafiat.

Saya berdoa agar Tun sekeluarga sihat walafiat.

Wassalam

By zainnan on August 5, 2008 8:59 AM

Dear Tun,

The majestic pillars fronting the SAHC and overlooking the green really bring back fond memories studying at this premier college.

The Putra Wing and Hang Tuah Wing of the college's hostel has witnessed students of various races and faiths coming from far away interiors of the state to live and study as one big family. Saturday had always been a great day as the hostelites were given freedom to roam around the town from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

It is certainly nostalgic to walk the memory lanes of SAHC, my alma mater too.

By luvpeace on August 5, 2008 9:02 AM

Salam Tun,

your old school story make me remind back my great year time in school..how amazing and full of colouring time..lastly happy anniversary to both of you..we love you...peace and wassalam

By Shahisma159 on August 5, 2008 9:03 AM

Dear Tun,

I felt the same towards my alma mater too - St Michael's Institution Ipoh. Education is very important. I have been active in PTA of my daughter's school for the last 4 years. I found that quality of teachers today are questionable. Gone are teachers like the good old days. Dedicated, smart and have lots of passion in teaching and most of all respected by the students. With "makan gaji attitude", most teachers today dont care about the quality of their teaching, they "ponteng" class and left the class unattended. Yesterday my daughter complained about a teacher who dont know how to teach !! Imagine a 11 year old making that kind of comment !

MOE been coming up with fancy concepts like Sekolah Bestari, Cluster school, E-Learning and other money wasting initiatives, most of these initiatives have blur objectives. Lets start with basic - what we really want is good teachers especially in the primary schools where it serves as the foundation of education. Primary school is where a child learn starting from zero.

Hishamuddin, please look into this, go the schools, talk to teachers (not administrators) have a one-on-one sessions, heart to heart talk and understand what is the real issue. If you keep talking to your officers in MOE, you will be filled with "BS", that is, if you are not too busy campaigning for UMNO vice-presidency....

By d'soul on August 5, 2008 9:03 AM

Salam Tun n chedet.com fan...

What a sweet memories from Tun...

Zaman Tun menjadi PM juga adalah kenangan terindah buat kami...

Sekarang.... Pak LahAP, i don't c any light from him!!!

Take care Tun...

By OrangLama on August 5, 2008 9:06 AM

Salam Tun dan semua,

1. Tahniah kerana dipilih "Collegiate of the Centenary" . Sama2 lah kita doakan kepada Allah Ta'ala kebaikan untuk Allahyarham Mohamad Iskandar dan juga lupa ibubapa kita sendiri yang sudah tiada dan segala perjuang2 yang telah berjasa kepada negara kita. Doakan arwah2 semua berada didalam lingkungan orang-orang yang beriman. Semoga roh mereka semua dicucuri rahmat Yang Maha Esa. Doakan juga supaya kita yang masih ada di dunia ini membuat kebaikan seperti generasi yang lebih awal yang telah berkorban dan berjasa sehingga kehidupan kita lebih baik dari mereka.

2. KSAH dulu memang lah cemerlang zaman Tun dan sebelum 1970s kot. Sekarang tak lagi kot. Kerana pada lepas 1970s, sistem pendidikan Kedah dah berubah. Pi sekolah ikut alamat rumah. Contoh saya pi Sekolah Tunku Abdul Halim dekat Teluk Wanjah. Lepas tu automatically transferred to Sekolah Menengah yang telah ditetapkan(Tak boleh bagitau nama sekolah, Nanti kawan sekolah tahu siapa saya!OrangLama). Jadi masa tu KSAH bukan lagi sekolah terpilih.

3. sekarang (la ni) cikgu2 bukan seperti zaman dulu. Depa masuk Universiti/Maktab Perguruan pilih bidang pendidikan kerana senang dapat kerja. Ada yang mintak kursus lain tapi diberikan pendidikan. Ada yang mintak kerja lain tak dapat, maka apply program khas latihan jadi guru(KPLI). Tak ramai yang betul2 minat nak jadi cikgu. Bila jadi cikgu depa kata "Saya hanya berminat mengajar pelajar yang berminat saja". Habis cikgu pelajar yang tak berminat cikgu nak buat apa? Hantar balik kat rumah suruh mak dan bapa depa jaga ke? Masa interview naik pangkat misalnya,kalau ditanya "Apa kamu nak buat kalau pelajar malas dan nakal/" mCik gu nak kata apa. Salah ibubapa ke?Tak boleh cikgu zaman saya sekolah dulu. Budak tak minat cikgu zaman dulu marah depa habis2. Zaman saya dulu pun ada bapa2 belasah cikgu kerana cikgu lanyak anak dia. tetapi cikgu dulu hebat, tak lah lembik macam cik gu sekarang. sikit2 nak mengadu. sikit2 kata beban sekolah banyak. tak habis 2 nkata gaji cikgu tak cukup. Tak habis nak cuti. Kat England, cikgu depa sangat berdedikasi. Kalau ada peluang hantarlah ramai2 cikgu Malaysia pi sekolah rendah sana pi tengok kalau tak percaya. Kalau orang complain depa cepat2 ambil tindakan positif. Cik Gu Malaysia kalau complain siaplah anak siapa ni? Sorry cikgu, saya mempunyai pandangan negatif ni. Kerana saya bandingkan cikgu zaman saya dulu dengan cikgu zaman sekarang yang ajar saya di sekolah jauh beza kesungguhannya. Sebab barangkali cikgu zaman dulu lebih ikhlas.Agaknya. Untuk makluman, saya cerita ni bukan bererti saya bermasalah tetapi anak2 orang Melayu semua banyak bermasalah. Pendidikan bermula di rumah dan juga di sekolah. Jangan lupa di sekolah masa dia lebih lama! Di rumah masa bersama ibubapa kurang. keculai depa berhenti kerja lah!Mohon maaf cikgu jika saya tersilap dan menyinggung perasaan.

Kalau kita semua imbas kembali zaman persekolahan kita. Sudah tentu kita semua bersyukur kepada Tuhan diberikan pemimpin yang baik dari kalangan Perikatan sehingga ke Barisan Nasional sehingga kita boleh sampai ke tahap kehidupan lebih baik sekarang berbanding generasi dulu.

By azhar abdullahAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:06 AM

Happy Anniversary Tun dan Tun Siti Hasmah...semoga terus diberkati dan dipelihara Allah...

By bujangAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:10 AM

Tun,

Dengan izin;

People,

1. I believe what Tun wants us to know is not so much about him! I think he wants us to reminisce, think, and look back on how much we have progressed and developed as a nation with its unique blends of

cultures, traditions and heritages (the only one in the world!).

2. Tun wants us to appreciate what we are having now (or had before now ...?) as opposed to what they had then. Life was so simple and meaningful. Nowadays, it is all about greed, materialistic, egos, "kiasus", etc, etc, which are bringing us to self-idolization, and over-indulgence, and if we do not halt this bad habits, it would be to self-destruction.

3. Tun wants us to be independent! He wants us to think for ourselves! He wants us to realize that we have gone so far to turn back now! He wants us to move forward! He wants perfection from us (like how he described his Cikgu Zain!) He wants us to progress further, and not leave this nation to our future generation in shambles! He wants the world for us! He wants only the best for us! He wants.....

Think people! Perjalanan kita dah bertambah jauh! Are we going to let this situation continues? Let us look at the bigger picture!

By samba on August 5, 2008 9:11 AM

To our honourable BAPA of modern Malaysia, we all LOVE n RESPECT all ur wonderful n knowledgeable postings n the kind of transformations that ur goodself has brought to malaysia. May the almighty ALLAH shower ur family urself n the malaysians with all good things... im a singaporean n a admire of urself n ur leadership. I sincerely hope that the current leadership of malaysia can continue ur good job for the people...i pray n wish u well sir!

Allahs blessings!

By asam jawa on August 5, 2008 9:11 AM

Assalamualaikum YABhg. Tun

Tahniah diatas penganugerahan "Collegiate of the Centenary" daripada SAHC.

Setiap kali melalui Jalan Langgar saya pasti memberitahu anak-anak bahawa inilah sekolah dimana saya pernah belajar.

Saya tumpang berbangga apabila menceritakan kepada anak-anak bahawa sekolah ini telah melahirkan 2 orang perdana menteri malaysia.

Mereka turut berbangga apabila melihat di TV penganugerahan yang di terima oleh YABhg. Tun kerana mereka menyayangi YABhg. Tun.

Semoga YABhg. Tun sekeluarga dirahmati Allah.

By buntat on August 5, 2008 9:13 AM

alam persekolahan adalah kenangan yang teramat indah dan nostalgik

saya selaku generasi muda yng membesar dan mendapat pendidikan dan bantuan ketika zaman tun amat berterima kasih

alhamdulillah

saya berjaya juga memperolehi segulung ijazah

ibu bapa saya sering menceritakan bagaimana peritnya mereka

untuk menimba ilmu dulu.(ibu bapa saya sekolah setakat darjah enam saja)mereka bukan tidak bijak,namun keadaan semasa menuntut mereka untuk bekorban demi yang lain (adek bradik ramai)

saya yakin tun juga amat menghargai jasa guru2 yang telah memberi pengajaran dalam menuntut ilmu.sangat sentimental tulisan tun kali ini.

saya yakin apa yang tun cuba bawa terutama pengajaran matematik dan sains dalam bahasa

inggeris(saya nampak hala tuju dan objektifnya)

semoga tun sentiasa sehat disamoing keluarga tercinta
By azmany on August 5, 2008 9:15 AM

Your post touches me personally, as my father too was a headmaster and I joined his school for my primary education. The most memorable day was the first day in school, I was so excited to meet new friends and making jokes at the back of the class. Then the HM (him) passed by, saw the commotion and duly came in and presented me with a big tight slap in the face. It certainly made his son remembered to mind his manners. He passed away 14 years ago and I missed him. It may sound cliché, but you reminds me of him - your kind yet strict way.

By swotworldAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:17 AM

Salam Tun,

"I hope and pray that all Malaysians remember their school days and the part that school plays in their lives. Getting an education right up to University level is easy now. But we must nevertheless feel grateful for there are more than one billion illiterate people in the world. For them the future promises very little"

Saya sangat bersetuju dengan pernyataan ini. Ianya membuatkan saya teringat kembali kenangan-kenangan manis tatkala zaman persekolahan. Ketika itu, kita dibenarkan untuk membuat kesilapan serta tiada beban yang ditanggung cuma amanah untuk menimba ilmu dan keputusan baik dalam peperiksaan yang ditagih. Untuk kami, itu lah pembelajaran di alam persekolahan.

Saya berasa bangga kerana ramai kawan-kawan sudah berjaya dalam hidup masing-masing dan kebanyakan kami sudahpun mempunyai keluarga sendiri. Sehingga kini, jika kami bertemu walau sudah lebih 10 tahun kami meninggalkan alam persekolahan tetapi tetap nostalgia di sekolah akan dibuakan umpama filem Tan Sri Dr P. Ramlee; bak kata pepatah "tak lapok dek hujan, tak lekang dek panas".

Terima kasih Tun kerana berkongsi cerita zaman persekolahan Tun.
By Suffering RakyatAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:18 AM

Dearest Tun,

Those good old school days....if only I can turn back time...
By spocket on August 5, 2008 9:21 AM

tun...
thank for sharing your nostalgic story...
semoga bertambah sihat dan diberkati dunia dan akhirat...
By ajs12 on August 5, 2008 9:22 AM

Tun.... i am admire you since i am joint umno 1985 (if i am not mistaken)... until now.
By ghondoruwo on August 5, 2008 9:23 AM

Schools days always bring a lot of good and bad memories for most of us. Some are humorous ones - standing on a table as punishment, cooking instant noodle using the same pail we wash our clothes with, wearing your dad's shirt & tie for prom and many more. I attended one primary school & four secondary schools, and surely they have had good influences on what I am today.
By PerantauDariTawau on August 5, 2008 9:27 AM

Sy bngga jd anak mlsia sbb Tun.

andaikata zmn kelahiran sy d PM kn oleh Pak Lah, sy rela brhijrah ke Indon
By bzzAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:27 AM

Tun,

Tq for your great story.

Kenapa masa Tun jadi PM Tun tak kasik berjuta-juta duit untuk sekolah Tun? Macam org tu bagi pada sekolahnya?

By samex on August 5, 2008 9:29 AM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,

Saya rasa sewaktu Tun buat keputusan untuk menjadikan pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris tentulah dia dah buat kajian secara mendalam .. Bapa die seorang guru besar dan saya percaya Tun sendiri memahami survival orang melayu dalam perkara ini .. dan kepada kononnyalah "pejuang bahasa" yang selama ini mengkritik keputusan Tun kerana mewujudkan dasar ini,ingatlah Tun sebelum korang belajar berjalan lagi orang tua ni dah jadi bukan pejuang bahasa melayu jer tau .. die adalah pejuang bangsa melayu itu sendiri ! Pejuang sejati !! korang tu tanye diri korang tu sendiri apa yang korang dah buat untuk bangsa sendiri ? ingat .. jangan terperangkap dengan tipu muslihat musuh kerana musuh sentiasa mengintai kelemahan kita dan mengambil kesempatan ke atasnya .. jangan menggadaikan maruah bangsa dan masa depan anak2 kita untuk menjayakan agenda politik masing2 ..

Ya Allah Ya Tuhanku Kau dengarkanlah doa dari kami ini .. Kau berilah rahmatMU dan berkatilah insanMu yang bernama Mahathir Mohamad ini .. Kurniakanlah kesihatan yang baik kepada beliau supaya beliau akan terus dapat memimpin kami semua .. Aminnnnn

By danielsdb on August 5, 2008 9:29 AM

Dear Tun,

All of us remember our school days and the part that school plays in our lives, and we will do our part as parents to ensure our kids treasure while making good use of their school days. We really hope the current government will consider continuing with Tun's idea of teaching maths & science in English. I was studying in Spore in engineering after failed to enrol into the course of my choice in local university despite scoring flying colors in my STPM. All of my Malaysian schoolmates then including myself had to struggle, not only to cope with the hectic course works, but the translation of language that we need to go thru as well. How i wish we would had known all those english terms in our subjects eg physics, chemistry, maths etc - that will made our lives so much easy and we can catch up with our studies much easier.

Tun, we the non bumis had sacrificed since young and encouraged by our parents to study hard, knowing that the education policy in msia is not easy to us in particular those who couldn't afford overseas. We fought everyday until STPM hoping to get a place in local university, and we always think positively that by working harder, it is to our own benefit too. When we obtained good results, we apply to local university our choice of course, and we were heartbroken when we were not only didn't granted the course, but given a course totally differ from our wish. To add salt into the wound, we found out our bumis classmate was given good courses in top universities when they only managed to pass all the 5 subjects. Then we turn to our only resort, to apply to the nearest and cheapest overseas university - eg. Spore. We even apply the free interest study loan there and all our application was granted - we felt been fairly treated eventhough not in our own country. We struggled doing part time jobs to survive while facing hectic course works. After graduation, we were offered jobs in Spore and bonded 3 years for the tuition fee grant that we took (not even 1 rejected this substantial offer) - many of us applied for PR and stay while having families there, only very very few of us (like mysely) returned to our country.

Tun, this is definately not the path that we the ordinary non bumis malaysian wish our children will have in future. Policy might not change overnight and we have to accept that we are non bumis. But the government shouldn't abolish something that will at least ease our pain while studying overseas, in fact

they shall laud Tun's suggestion to use English language for at least science and maths.

We all love u Tun.

By juneAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:30 AM

Tun,

A very good morning. Sultan Abdul Hamid College is a beautiful college in Alor Star, still charming indeed. Although i'm never study there but i had a few oppurtunity to visit the college & sit for some exams there during my schooldays.

Thanks for the memories.

<http://sembang-kopitiam.blogspot.com>

By lextcs on August 5, 2008 9:32 AM

yes certainly schools of yesteryears are much different from what it is now. Back then i remembered one Mr. Inder Singh, our school supervisor, a larger than life figure who struck fears among all students with his 4ft long rotans. You wouldnt want to taste the smack of it. I had a taste of it (but then again who have not)but it bore me no grudges. Thinking of it now kind of make sense that if we spare the rod we spoil the child. Mr Inder is long gone now but beneath the mr incredible mask that he wore our Mr Inder is indeed one gentle creature. Thanks Tun for bringing back old memories. Shalom.

By qho' dal ha on August 5, 2008 9:36 AM

Akum YAB Tun,

Just for You and all the colledgian

Strong loyalty we give our king
Firm friendship we would like to bring
We march along with strength and will
To help our country win
We aim for truth and courage
For virtues and for values
We're girls and boys of College
Good Collegians are we

K.S.A.H Alma mater

K.S.A.H young Collegians all

The problems of the world we face
Seem very small like earth in space
The rainbow of the sky we chase
A great and worthy race
We pupils here are happy
We're cheerful with no worries
For aren't we young Collegians
We are and proud to be

K.S.A.H Alma mater

K.S.A.H young Collegians all

By anakjatipilah on August 5, 2008 9:39 AM

VERY GUD MORNING TO U TUN,

What a sweet memmories you had from your golden days in school. Well this is what we want not to forget our days in school and they were really sweet and beautiful.

Ya.. mengenang kembali ada kunci kunci AAB sekarang ramai yang tak de budi bahasa dan bersikap sopan santun terhadap Tun sekarang..dimana mereka juga pernah bernaung dibawah payung zaman Tun dahulu. These pple are really kacang lupa kan kulit dan tak sedar dari mana kah asal usul mereka sebelum ni. Adakah ini sikap ahli MP BN sebenarnya??

May God bless u Tun.

By SYAMiLLiON on August 5, 2008 9:40 AM

what about our flip flop pm???he always forget about everything :) keep on writing tun...

By thaiso on August 5, 2008 9:40 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Yeah...for them the future promises very little.

Terima kasih Tun.

By cinonek on August 5, 2008 9:43 AM

Tun telah membuatkan saya tersenyum pagi ini; terima kasih. Saya dulu pergi sekolah rendah yang jauhnya 3km dengan berjalan kaki. Saya anak yang ke 7 dari 13 adik beradik. Saya sangat suka kalau hari hujan; dapat naik basikal tua bapak! Bapak saya seorang penoreh getah. Bila hari hujan pokok getah tidak boleh ditoreh. Dapatlah saya pinjam basikal tua bapak. Bayangkan Tun, kanak-kanak perempuan umur 8 atau 9 tahun naik basikal gerago... nak naik palang basikal pun tak sampai! Kalau naik basikal mesti berbunyi tag.. tag... tag...

Kesusahan masa lalu telah menjadikan saya mengerti kesengsaraan ibubapa membesarkan anak-anak dan menghargai pengorbanannya. Sebab itu saya sungguh mengkagumi segala yang Tun usahakan untuk bangsa kita.

Sekarang saya hantar anak ke sekolah setiap hari sebab tidak rasa yakin dengan keselamatan untuk kanak-kanak hari ini berjalan seorang diri atau bersama rakan-rakan.

By islandgurl on August 5, 2008 9:46 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun yg amat2 sya kasihi & sayangi...moga dipanjangkan umur..pengorbanan Tun pada malaysia terlalu banyak sehingga kami rakyat malaysia tak dapat membalasnya..Moga Allah mencucuri rahmat ke atas Tun..kepada mereka2 yg cuba menafikan kehebatan Tun dengan cuba memburukkan prestasi Tun..saya nasihatkan sudah2 la..terima lah kenyataan imej Tun memang akan selalu HEBAT dimata kami semua..Ur the BEST!!!

By edmund chua on August 5, 2008 9:46 AM

Dear Tun,

Refreshing the old fond memory was always end up sentimentally whether it is happy/sad day

Especially for working adult, we always wish we were still young to enjoy what we have miss out during our young time. As for young guy, they r frsuted with their school day which need exams,submit assignment, they wish they grow up fast and don't need this kind of torture anymore.....

Tun,

No one is perfect....and it is very touching for me to see Tun admit on your acedemy result which is not as good as other in the class. Many will just keep this to themself unlike Tun sharing it.

Many Thanks!!

By penduduk on August 5, 2008 9:50 AM

Salam Tun..

Tun memang seorang negarawan yang ulung serta tidak pernah lupa asal-usul.

Tun memang seorang yang banyak memberi inspirasi untuk berjaya. Semoga Allah memberkati Tun di dunia dan di akhirat.

Kalaulah ditakdirkan dahulu Tun tewas semasa Pemilihan Agung Umno, serta tidak menjadi PM sudah pasti rakyat akan merasa keperitan hidup seperti sekarang dari dulu lagi hanya kerana dipimpin oleh orang yang merosakkan parti agama, bangsa dan negara. Kini, kami merasa seperti akan mundur ke belakang.

Semasa kepimpinan Tun, dengan izin Allah rakyat dapat merasa nikmat dan kemakmuran dunia.

Terima kasih Tun...

By SYAMiLLiON on August 5, 2008 9:55 AM

what a nostalgic memoir...now feel like i miss my schooling memories...tq tun for a great writing...

By mudjor on August 5, 2008 9:56 AM

Assalamualaikum.

Seronok baca pengalaman ayah Tun dan Tun sendiri (walaupun ada bahagian tu saya tak faham). Kita patut mengetahui kesusahan orang dahulu membina tamadun anak bangsa dan negara Malaysia agar diri kita dapat dibangunkan untuk mempertahankan apa yang telah dicapai. Semoga dibawah lembayung rahmat dan maghfirah Allah buat TDM, dan seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

By Norkaedes on August 5, 2008 9:56 AM

A'kum Tun,

Tahniah KSAH sempena ulang tahun ke 100. Juga warga KSAH 1980-1986. Amat berbangga dengan ayah Tun yang tentunya bersusah payah menubuhkan KSAH untuk memberi pendidikan kpd ribuan penduduk sekitar kawasan utara termasuk juga sebilangan kecil penduduk Sabah menerusi Yayasan Sabah.

Hidup KSAH.

By ingintahu on August 5, 2008 9:58 AM

Dearest Tun,

Salam sejahtera to you n family!

It was indeed a very soothing piece of article that you have written this time. I am a teacher by profession and when you could literally remember your teacher, Mr Zain, it somehow touched my heart! Thank you Tun.....

By totally spies on August 5, 2008 9:58 AM

Tun,

sweet memories last forever..!

i hope you keep writing books and publish them.you are also a great writer apart from great leader & thinker.

ramai yg salah faham on why Tun stress math & science be conducted in english..even ramai yg tak setuju.

saya rasa Tun mahu memperkasa bahasa english didalam masyarakat melayu/malaysia supaya dapat berada& bersaing dlm arena /cabaran antarabangsa lantas tun meilih supaya subjek chalenging spt math &sains di conduct dlm english. kesimpulan yg saya faham ,maka masyarakat malaysia terutama melayu dapat memperkasa 3 subjek kuat sekaligus. Tun, niat yg sgt baik dan murni tetapi ada kontranya pula.

saya ada membuat sedikit analisa ttg mengapa ramai yg tak setuju,

1) murid2 yg 'mother tongue' berbahasa melayu sgt susah nak faham soalan matematik dlm english (esp. luarbandar).soalan yg 'tricky' dlm bahasa english pula menyebabkan ada kalangan murid2 yg sampai menangis tak tahu nak buat ..!(tak tahu buat & tak faham serta takut kena marah ibubapa kalau fail!)

2) guru2 sendiri tak tahu & tak mahir berbahasa english dan seringkali tidak dapat menyampaikan pengajaran yg berkesan kpd murid2,menyebabkan segala2nya bertambah merosot,drp pengajaran yg tak mahir dan murid2 yg bosan & stress sebab tak faham english ditambah pula tak faham sbjek matematik itu sendiri.it's a double doomed!

3)kurangnya kefahaman & kesedaran dikalangan ibubapa ttg pentingnya ketiga2 subjek tersebut(ENGLISH,math & sains) dlam kehidupan hari ini.

pendapat saya,
melihatkan betapa merudumnya pencapaian math & sains dikalangan murid2 melayu adalah wajar sekali jika di PERKASAKAN dulu bahasa enggeris. jika dilihat pada anak2 saya, mereka suka belajar bahasa enggeris kerana guru yg mengajarnya tahu cara 'stimulate' minat mereka.actually, english is fun to be learned! dgn approach mengajar yg berkesan,menyeronokkan dan hanya satu setengah jam seminggu!

bangsa kita akan di hormati terus jika kaya dgn ilmu dunia & (jgn sesekali lupa) ilmu akhirat,bekal alam yg kekal!! .

belajar bahasa lain bukan meminggir bahasa ibunda. lihat lah dr segi positif iatu, menambah ilmu bahasa dunia,itu saja!

By myidol on August 5, 2008 9:59 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun Dr Mahathir and Tun Siti Hasmah.

Wishing you both a very Happy Anniversary. Semoga di berkati dan dilindungi Allah selalu di dunia dan akhirat.

By myidol on August 5, 2008 9:59 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun Dr Mahathir and Tun Siti Hasmah.

Wishing you both a very Happy Anniversary. Semoga di berkati dan dilindungi Allah selalu di dunia dan akhirat.

By orangeman on August 5, 2008 10:00 AM

Asalamualaikom Tun,

Tulisan Tun membuatkan saya terkenangkan zaman persekolahan saya dan betapa gigihnya guru guru masa itu mengajar walau pon tak banyak kemudahan seperti sekarang. Saya banyak terkenang kembali kesungguhan cikgu-cikgu saya yang begitu komited dan ikhlas terhadap profesyen mereka. Saya sangat berterima kasih kepada semua guru saya. Saya sedar yang saya sayangkan mereka. Semoga Tuhan membalas budi mereka. Terima kasih kepada Tun yang membawa perhatian dan menyingkap kebelakang seketika, melihat sejarah diri dan dari mana asal kita. Semoga Tun sihat Walafiat dan diberkati Allah.

By Jan on August 5, 2008 10:03 AM

Askm Tun,

Thanks for bringing the sweet/sad fond memories during school times. Without doubt, school was the place where we acquired knowledge and built our personalities. One question that I would like to ask is about boarding schools that we practice today which is mainly for malays, is it still relevant? I notice that by not mixing with other races in this global age, our competitiveness has sharply reduce. In the real world, malay has to compete with chinese, indians etc. but because of this boarding schools (malays only) we fail or become inferior in dealing with the non-malays. Many malays become inferior and non assertive compare to non malays. When it comes to decision making, the malays always bow down. Pls comment.

By awsc on August 5, 2008 10:07 AM

Good morning Dr M

Walking down memory lane with u brings all of us closer to u even more. It has been an eventful journey for us Malaysians in your reign but nevertheless a great ride u gave us. To me u will always be our Dr M, our leader of all times.

It is a pity u did not create a position like what Lee Kuan Yew did for himself. Realistically I know it is pointless with all the "if only's". We can only look forward strategically but unfortunately the end of the tunnel is not too bright if wannabe leaders do not act responsibly tempered with some bravery if I may add.

I agree totally that we should be grateful with what education has given us. A stepping stone and a better life for all. The standard of education has gone down compared to even my time, which was the late 70's upto the 90's. Comparatively, we are of course better off than many but we should also strive to be better still if not on par with the countries which have so-called high standards of education. Holistically speaking, I believe that with you education is a lifestyle and not an obligation. This is what you would want to instill in all of us if you could. Im not only referring to formal education but a lifelong education. I would like to thank you for being a lover of Malaysia and for bringing us to where we are today. I am sure u must be tired of hearing repeats of this. Unfortunately u have too many fans Dr M....

Ciao

By ammar-chep on August 5, 2008 10:09 AM

yeah.. love school.. everybody have bittersweet memory..

By Hesmél Faznee Faisal on August 5, 2008 10:12 AM

Salam Tun..

After reading this, I felt as if I'm reading part of your memoir. I hope you could write more about your days as a University student and later as a politician..

Anyway, I'm still hoping to get a chance to meet you again to discuss about my future plans in OUM.

I always feel you are like my own grandfather.

Salam...

HESMEL FAZNEE FAISAL

By blessnation on August 5, 2008 10:12 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Something lightening and sweet from you Tun.. Nostalgia, Membuatkan kita terkenang kembali dan hargai zaman persekolahan kita..

I agree with cool80.. Kenapa mempertikaikan 'Wawasan 2020'?.. The target was set and it was quite close when Tun Mahathir was our Prime Minister.. It was quite achievable kalau kita ada kaptain yang berwibawa, cekap, fokus, rajin & dedikasi.

It been said, dalam keadaan sekarang, we are like 10 years behind..

Dalam kepimpinan sekarang memang kerajaan tak ready, dan keadaan ekonomi kebanyakan rakyat dah semakin meleset. Suasana pun tidak begitu aman lagi.. Siapa yang harus dipertanggungjawabkan??

Is that why, the target has to be set + another 30 years?..

Disebabkan kelalaian mereka & pergolakan politik serta tak pandai nak manage, PM sekarang pandai2 ubah.. Nampak sangat kelemahannya...
Lagi sekali, dunia & bangsa lain mentertawakan kita.. And again we been 'badawied'..

Anyway, I like to congratulate Tun, your blog has visitors of more than 4.5Million in 3 months.. Not bad ye Tun.. Pecah Malaysian record tak?

Take care Tun & don't worry so much..
By Faisal on August 5, 2008 10:17 AM

Salam Tun,

Harap Tun sudi berkongsi lebih banyak lagi pengalaman Tun masa lampau. Sebab orang lama macam Tun mesti sudah merasai banyak kepahitan hidup yang tidak dirasai oleh generasi muda. Thank you Tun sebab sudi share with us. Harap Tun sentiasa sihat walafiat.
By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 10:23 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun

Awal hari ni....hehehhee

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>
By RMAN on August 5, 2008 10:24 AM

Salam Tun dan Semua,

Saya ingat sekolah rendah saya di Jalan Mengkuang, Butterworth - Sek Keb Bagan Tuan Kechil (Kaw. Hitam Masa tu) Sebut ja Kampung mak lang semua tahu kat mana heeee / Lepas tu Sek. Keb. Bagan Ajam.

Sek Men Saya pulak Sek. St. Mark dan selepas tu Sek. Men. Vokasional Butterworth...

Hmmm... memang terharu bila terkenang sek lama ni.. hmm bukan apa terkenang rotan cikgu yang panjang2.. heeee.. setahun sekali mesti kena punya lah.. hee..

Tak macam budak sekarang, kena rotan sikit dah masuk surat khabar, saman cikgu hahahahah...

Mak bapa sekarang tak macam mak bapa kita dulu..

DULu kena rotan ngan cikgu takut nak balik habaq kat mak / bapa takut kena bantai kot ataih lagi heeee...

Anyway thank you to all my teacher.. without you i'm not what i'm today..
By Mak Lang on August 5, 2008 10:24 AM

Dear Tun

1.Talking about school and education in Malaysia,I would like to thank you for giving the equal opportunity to boys and girls (men and women) to pursue highest education in the country and abroad.

2.However, what happens to the boys? More girls especially Malay girls are studying in the universities. They produce better examination results every year. You did mentioned this in one of your speech previously.

3.Perhaps your biggest mistake in the century is actually giving equal opportunity to malay girls and they end-up become better students than the boys. Women are now holding various important positions in the country.....thanks again Tun for your mistake...not all mistakes are bad actually.

Mak Lang
By cheyan on August 5, 2008 10:24 AM

Salam Tun!

I love this. This is so nostalgic!

Cheyen
By bunnies on August 5, 2008 10:27 AM

Tun,

It's not often we get to read or hear stories about your young time! Heh! Heh! heh! heh!

I enjoyed reading this article very much. Well, not to say that the rest of the articles you have written are not enjoyable.. err.. some are too deep for a bunny like me! Anyway, yes, we must all remember our school days and the part it has played in our lives. I enjoyed my school days tremendously and will always give credit to my alma mater and its then headmistress.

By joehoneyAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:30 AM

Salam buat Tun serta Keluarga,

Those were they days.....

Hidup Tun!
By cakkuncak on August 5, 2008 10:30 AM

YAB Tun,

Thank God Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid still have the intelligence to honour leaders of the nation - a far cry from Abdullah's UMNO lack of respect for your contribution to UMNO and the nation.

By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 10:34 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Mestilah ingat zaman persekolahan. Zaman paling best sekali tu tun.

S.K Tanjung Batu Darat, Tawau, Sabah (1988-1993)
S.M.K. Kinabutan Tawau, Sabah (1994-1998)
S.M.K Tawau Sabah (1999-2000)

of course it good memory... and of course thanks to your govt during that time i can go to school with free text books.

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>
By entahlah on August 5, 2008 10:38 AM

Dearest Tun,

Yes, it wasn't easy in those days...but you did it. I solute you. Presently, these are but a distant memories to some but the younger generations do not know these meanings. I hope this writing will give inspiration to people to work hard in whatever that they are doing...histories are not recorded for people to go backward, but in itself, people should find the basis to move forward and refine themselves.

Thank you sir. Warmest regards to you and your family.

By zaman on August 5, 2008 10:39 AM

Tun semoga sihat selalu di samping keluarga.

Tun saya merasa amat terharu sekali bila membaca keratan ini.

You are the one and only. Truth will prevail. Dont worry Tun.

God Bless You and Family.

By mzzainal on August 5, 2008 10:39 AM

Ah the good old schooling days.

By RadzianAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:42 AM

Salam Tun,

Congratulation for being one of the three collegiates of the centenary of Sekolah Iskandar. This means the school was founded in 1908 and the next three collegiates will only be selected in 2108.

Moreso, the school was founded by your father, and it's best products include two Prime Ministers. No other primary school can repeat Sekolah Iskandar's achievement.

Again, my sincere "Tahniah".

By Tamingsari on August 5, 2008 10:42 AM

Tun.. time change, people changed.. but.. the determination still remain !

By Pedang-BertuahAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:43 AM

Assalamualikum Ayahanda Tun

You are always have been my greatest inspiration. Glad that I went to the same school you did. Happy 100 year-old to our beloved SAHC.

"Once a collegian, always a collegian"

Pedang-Bertuah, KSAH 1990-1994

By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 10:49 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Ingat cerita pasal sekolah ni teringat saya pada guru kelas darjah 6 (1993) saya namanya SHAHARUDDIN CHE OMAR, seorang kelantan.

Beliau seorang guru yang dapat menarik minat murid belajar matematik.

Beliau sanggup meluangkan masa pada hari sabtu memberikan tuisyen secara PERCUMA!!!

Disebabkan dia ada loghat kelantan dan masa tu kami semua tak pernah jumpa org kelantan, maka setiap kali beliau bercakap rasa lucu jugak sebab pelik sikit.

Terima kasih sebab pernah menjadi cikgu saya...

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>

By nizam on August 5, 2008 10:51 AM

Assalamualaikum Ayahnda Tun,

semoga Allah memberkati Ayahnda sekeluarga, Amin

By seridewi on August 5, 2008 10:53 AM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda ,

Selamat ulang tahun perkahwinan ke 52 . Semoga Allah mengurniakan kesihatan yg baik buat Ayahanda & Bonda serta panjang umur .

By RyscheClyde on August 5, 2008 10:56 AM

A very good day to you TUN DR MAHATHIR,

It is nice to be part of the student at a an old century school. I, myself never had a chance to enroll in any of this kind of school. I did try to apply- but my result was just "cukup makan" only. Therefore, I only manage to enrolled into the normal Sek.Kebangsaan.

Ive no complain about the Sek.Kebangsaan, and Ive no problem at all in studying in such school. Is just that, Ive nothing to proud of abt my Sek.Kebangsaan. The facilities during those days of mine, was OK. I still remember when the first time the school installed the internet at our library. It was in 1995, we were all every eager to use the computer. I even stay back after schooling, just to use the computer. It was very fascinating.

But during my time - there was a revolution in the culture among the school pupils, practically in major towns such as Kuala Lumpur. The revolution was not about traditional culture, but an attitude revolution. Yes, during my time- many pupils start to taking cigarettes, drugs, skipped school, and most of all gangsterism.

It all started in the 90's. When there was a football match in the interzone competition- it always ended up in a fight. Then it involves the "bohsia & bohjan" culture among the malays. People started to adopt the "lepak" culture by then. As for the gangsterism, mostly involves among my chinese friends- most of them skipped schools and ended up being caught by the police.

As for the Malays, they are all locked into the loitering culture; sitting at shopping complexes mall without doing anything- just sit and talk bullshit. These cultures started in the 90's. And that is why i call it ATTITUDE REVOLUTION. It has to be stop at all cost by all mean necessary.

By jeggy on August 5, 2008 11:00 AM

Tun,

This article of yours is written with a lot of humility. I am truly happy to note this. However, you failed to mention as to how closely knit the various communities were at that time. Everyone was truly proud to be a Malaysian then. The staff of the school were also from various ethnic backgrounds. Corruption and incompetency were not in 'our vocabulary'.

What has happened to Malaysia today? Corruption is very rife. Incompetency is the order of the day. The civil service is monopolised by only one race. Poverty among the villagers is so common. The price of fuel has soared and the tariff for electricity has risen drastically just to make the greedy IPPs richer at the expense of the rakyat. These people are the rich and wealthy, who do not care a damn for fellow Malaysians.

I pray that our Leaders realise that we should all be god fearing and uphold basic principles such as fairness and justice without fear and favour. Lets all pray that our citizens of different ethnicity live in harmony and with love and respect for one another.

Tun, I believe that with your wisdom, you can truly assist and ensure a change in the mindset of Malaysians. You are an achiever, a man of principles truly committed in fair play and justice for all irrespective of race, creed and culture.

Tun, we the rakyat look forward to positive changes in Malaysia ASAP with your assistance. Please do something very good before you are recalled by the all mighty God.

Wishing you the very best to you and family, Tun
By AnneAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:01 AM

"Going to school was thrilling to me and I couldn't wait for school holidays to end"
How this is a far cry from what we're seeing now...
<http://annenaim81.blogspot.com>
By hH love peace on August 5, 2008 11:02 AM

Asalamualaikum Tun dr.M
it so good to think bout old memory, have ehpym sad, and unforgettable memory. May god bless all the teacher in the world, god bless u too my idol
By stiletosAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:02 AM

That was so sweet!! Your entry somehow brought me to the memory of my schooling years. I used to be one of the top students during primary and secondary level. I still remember some of my teacher's name and how good they were in teaching.

Tun, please do write more entry like this so that we could know you better and love you forever. At least entry like this will...you know....make us little bit at ease & relief regardless how bad Malaysia politic situation nowadays.

Anyway, you kinda great blogger! I bet you sure have tones of stories. Are there any chances for you to write story of your sons & daughter? Looking forward for that entry
By wokyoh on August 5, 2008 11:03 AM

salam perjuangan buat ayahanda tun yang dikasihi...

1)Tun adalah insan yang cemerlang, gemilang dan terbilang....BUKAN PAKLAH....

2)Kemana tumpahnya kuah kalau tak ke nasi?...itulah tun...saya rasa ayah tun adalah seorang insan yang hebat...beliau adalah seorang yang pintar,terpelajar,pemimpin yang disegani,berwawasan dan berpandangan jauh.....kalaulah dulu semangat ketuanan melayu tidak menebal...rasanya ayahanda tun akan dipilih sebagai PM menggantikan tengku abdul rahman....

3)Kalau baca sejarah tun...pada mulanya tun berminat nak jadi peguam...betul ke tun?..tun amat berminat dengan subjek sejarah....apapun...tun adalah malay student yang terunggul pada zamannya!!!

4)Menjadi seorang doktor melayu pada zamannya sudah cukup memberi erti bahawa tun sudah melakukan satu fenomena...bahawa bangsa melayu boleh bangkit dan berdiri sama tinggi dengan bangsa lain dari segi ilmunya...tahniah tun..

5)Tun juga mempunyai bakat yang besar dalam bidang penulisan...nama pena tun...chedet...begitu gah di persada media ketika itu sehinggalah tun menghasilkan malay dilemma...nampak jelas yang tun mempunyai pandangan dan prinsip perjuangan tersendiri untuk memajukan bangsa melayu....namun saya sedih...mungkin juga tempoh pemerintahan tun selama 22 tahun...maka anak generasi yang dilahirkan waktu itu membesar dan subur dengan fitnah dan tohmahan terhadap tun sehingga menelan dan percaya bulat-bulat apa yang bangsawan palsu(dari pas, pkr, dan umno paklah)kata untuk menidakkan kebenaran yang tun adalah bangsawan sejati dan pejuang melayu islam yang tulen...

6)Jika kita meneliti sejarah....setiap pemimpin yang berkarisma adalah juga seorang penulis yang hebat dalam bidangnya...contohnya...al-ghazali...dengan ihya ulumuddinnya dan banyak lagi...sheikh hamzah fansuri...dengan karya-sufi agungannya...sheikh daud al fathani...tok kenali dengan majalah

pengasuhnya...sheikh abdu samad al palembani...dengan karya-karya mereka yang bermutu... malah tun juga ..kalau belajar ilmu agama waktu itu...juga akan menjadi seorang ulamak muktabar dan disegani juga...percayalah...malah tun akan lebih terserlah dari nik aziz atau hadi sendiri...(nik aziz sendiri mengakui kepintaran tun,katanya tun ni otaknya bijak!)tapi tun memilih untuk menjadi seorang doktor dan selayaknya lah tun boleh dan terbukti menjadi pemimpin dunia islam yang hebat pada zamannya....

7)Tun juga menjadi doktor melayu pertama yang berhenti kerja dengan kerajaan dan membuka klinik melayu pertama....

sedih dan bangga bila setiap kali saya melihat sebuah kereta mercedes lama tun yang telah dibeli oleh jiran saya bernombor plat WAV 9628(pemilik asal dalam geran ialah KLINIK MAHA...nombor plat asal kereta tu tun dah ambik balik????)...wow!!!! hebat...hebat...dikala orang melayu naik motor honda 50(honda samah) atau kereta datsun buah ulu(kerana bentuknya macam kuih buah ulu)...tun dah naik mercedes...kereta tun tu sekarang ni elok lagi...he he he...tu le sebabnya si ahmad said -ggganunngggg ni dok berangan-angan naik mercedes....kununya ada kelassss!!!

8)Ramai yang tidak faham...malah menghina dan menghentam tun bila tun cadangkan pembelajaran sains dan matematik dalam bahasa inggeris...padahal..jika anda pernah dan sedang meniti arus menara gading...semuanya dalam bahasa inggeris...kenapa anak melayu begitu fobia dengan bahasa inggeris ni saya pun tak tahu....mungkin mereka merasakan bila cakap BI...dah jadi kristian kot...itulah mentaliti sesetengah melayu...padahal ramai juga anak-mereka yang belajar agama balik dari mesir atau timur tengah jadi syiah,wahabbi,anti-hadis... tetapi mungkin dah akhir zaman ...maka lahirlah pemimpin celup atau palsu yang bukan ahlinya...contohnya anwar...pelajar sastera...boleh berlakon sebagai imam dan khatib khutbah jumaat,boleh juga berkata-kata arab celup dengan slang arab...kalu nak dengar..tengok kat you tube...anwar bagi fatwa sheik taha jabir rokrak kat jawi tu...bukan main lagi...macam tak bersalah langsung...cehhh...kalau nak tahu dengar penerangan tun pasal cadangan dan tujuan tun gunakan bahasa inggeris dlm sains dan maths waktu sesi soal jawab tun kat port dicson tu...hujah tun cukup simple dan bernas.

9)Tun...boleh tak tun senaraikan wasilah keturunan tun dari mohammad dari iskandar dari...dari.....dari ulamak india....yang membawa islam kenusantara ni dulu....biar antimamak dan kaum sejenisnya tahu asal usul keturunan tun adalah mulia...ramai yang tidak tahu...ibunda tun adalah bernama wan tempawan binti wan hanapi adalah keturunan raja dan kesultanan melayu juga.....

10)kepada tun dan isteri...semoga bahagia selalu dan hidup penuh keberkatan.....dan jangan lupa...perjuangan demi agama,bangsa dan negara adalah sesuatu yang mulia disisi Tuhan. maka teruskanlah...kami sentiasa bersama tun...jasamu tetap dikenang..saya juga doakan semoga kedua orang tua tun ditempatkan bersama orang-orang yang soleh dan mendapat rahmat di sisiNya...amin.
tun...selamat menyambut hari ulangtahun perkahwinan.....

WOKYOH

By zarathustra on August 5, 2008 11:04 AM

Salam to you Tun & family.

Reading about your school days brings me many memories of mine too.I too was in one of the historical institution of my days i.e the V.I where many colourful personalities went through.We all have our heroes and mentor when we grew up.We have political ,arts & literature and not forgetting rock n roll heroes too.In the realm of politics & an inspiring leader of a nation YOU are my hero & mentor.Dylan and Jack Kerouac were my other past time heroes.Today,wherever I go I see you.It was because of your farsightedness & vision & sincerity to bring our nation from the backwaters of the rubber estates,rice fields and antiquated fishing industry to a nation that can be awed & respected by others.The highways,KLCC,KLIA,internet,monorail,lrt and etc.....were all possible during your time as PM.Of course there are negative impacts along the way like corrupt practices.But look at the BIGGER picture.I've lived the greater part of my life during your tenure and I've no complaints & in fact it was the best part of my existence.

Tun,forgive me for saying this about the state of our nation today.Maybe we need a famine,a natural

disaster, racial riots, urban chaos, muggings, rapes, ethnic cleansing against each race or within a race (depending which state you come from) to open our eyes & awareness to appreciate what it would be like if we have peace & a powerful government. "They will never appreciate what they've got until it's gone".

May you be in the best of health always to give us your wisdom.

By babwahid on August 5, 2008 11:04 AM

Dear Tun,

Of course school days are a great memoir to everyone indeed. Actually schools were the most to start and play an important role to begin of our future life. However, the college that where you had been studied before must be very proud to have someone like you who then became the great leader of the country. So it's no doubt the college was named you as the third receiver of the ex-collegiate of the Centenary. Splendid choice. Unfortunately, the leader that who had brought the country to the eye of the world was already stepped down. The 22 years of his reign just went off so fast. And there will be no more to be great and no more to be admired for

Thanks God, you gave us a chance to enjoy the meaning of prosperity even for a moment

By thlong on August 5, 2008 11:07 AM

YAB Tun

1. Siapa pun tidak boleh menafikan bahawa Anak-Anak Kedah telah memainkan peranan besar dalam pembangunan dan kemajuan negara Malaysia.
2. Terlalu ramai tokoh-tokoh dan negarawan dulu dan kini datangnya dari Kedah khususnya dan KSAH amnya.
3. Lihat sahaja bilangan Perdana Menteri. Dua daripada Lima datangnya dari Kedah. Opss!! Sebenarnya TIGA.. Ya lah, Kepala Batas kawasan Pak Lah sekarang ni pun dari sejarahnya asalnya adalah sebahagian dari Negeri Kedah.
4. Cuma yang sedihnya, Kemajuan di Negeri Kedah tidak sehebat sebagaimana ianya telah melahirkan negarawan.

Salam hormat

By Ide on August 5, 2008 11:08 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Terima kasih kerana berkongsi tentang salah satu kenangan terindah dalam kisah hidup setiap insan. Selamat hari ulang tahun buat Tun dan isteri...

Terima kasih kepada semua cikgu di Malaysia.. terima kasih cikgu-cikguku kerana mendidik, mendenda, memarahi dan merotan dahulu. (cikgu sekarang tak leh buat... nanti ibu bapa komplek @ saman, tu sebab murid sekarang kurang jati diri dan kurang ajar agaknya)
Media pun tak kurang hebatnya... kerana nila setitik... rosak susu sebelanga...

p/s : Tun pun kena denda ke dulu? :-)

Terima kasih Tun kerana mentadbir dengan ikhlas kerana rakyat...

X-SRJK(C) Poey Sit (87-92)&

X-S.M. Abdul Samad (93-97)

By james baie on August 5, 2008 11:10 AM

TUN,

I'm really proud of you. I'm also collegian. Everytime I passed thru College it brings back my memories even after 3 decades left the school. It is an honour for me to study in the school which brought up 2 great PMs for Malaysia so far.

Thanks 2 GOD for giving me chance to study in SAHC.

Once again we really proud of you and really don't want to lose you all the way, my great IDOLA.

MY WAY - frank sinatra

By mazmirana on August 5, 2008 11:13 AM

Salam Tun,

What a sweet and touching memories of yours at KSAH, the neighbour of my previous school, Sultanah Asma School. I was there in 1981-1985. May Allah Bless You always and I always proud of you.

By pulau_sibu on August 5, 2008 11:29 AM

Every Malaysian should be like Tun Mahathir. He does not need any special treatment or NEP. He has been doing very well. We all considered him a great Malaysian leader instead of a great Malay leader.

Now it is different for Abdullah. Abdullah got this job because of the NEP and his racial background, and there is a big discount on his performance.

Can all Malays follow Tun Mahathir's performance without asking for discount?

By AnakSaleh on August 5, 2008 11:31 AM

Tun,

Your writing this time brings back old memories of mine. My school, both primary & secondary were only Kampung school which use only Malay language and I speak Malay language extensively with families.

Somehow dreams made me struggle to learn English Language and excel in my studies, surpassing those in well facilitated school. It was my father who taught me to learn and I still remember him bringing back 2 sets of encyclopedia for me to read, as I have read all of books available in my house. Just to note he ain't know nuts about anything inside the encyclopedia.

At the age of 30, I see myself as a well above average than my peers in terms of career and financial stability. I must thank you and I really mean it.

By Cucu Tok SelampitAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:32 AM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,

Anakanda berasa bangga kerana menjadi salah seorang daripada warga Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid dari tahun 1983-1987. Jasa dan pengorbanan sekolah berkenaan beserta dorongan dan tunjuk ajar daripada guru-guru akan kukenang sampai ke mati. Hidup Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid.

Wassalam.

By key on August 5, 2008 11:33 AM

Assalammualaikum Tun sekeluarga & semua warga chedet fan, saya sungguh terharu bila membaca coretan Tun. ini membuatkan saya mengimbas semula kenangan di waktu persekolahan kira2 20 tahun yg lepas. skrg tinggal dinegara org, buat saya lebih menyayangi bumi Malaysia. Disini kehidupan serba-serbi perlu pantas terutama dlm pendidikan. kalau dulu kita ada diploma dikirakan bagus .kini ianya macam setakat lulusan biasa saja. Bila saya lihat para remaja kita (melayu) skrg yg masih ketinggalan, walaupun dibumi sendiri apalagi dirantau. Tapi dr segi sosial yg melampau anak2 remaja kita cukup pantas mengejarnya. Konon trend terkini, tapi sebenar mereka lupa ini semua yg kebanyakan merosakkan diri sendiri. sebab saya ada anak yg sedang naik remaja, perkara spt ini yg saya & suami sentiasa ingatkan mereka. semoga anak2 bangsaku sedar akan kepentingan ilmu itu. Saya tumpang gembira atas penganugerahan itu, kerana Tun memang layak sekali. Jasa TUN sgt besar utk kami rakyat m'sia. Semoga ALLAH memberkati dan merahmatinya.

By ksh class88 on August 5, 2008 11:34 AM

Tun,

Proud to be a collegian at KSAH like you. Hopefully, the KSAH will continue producing good leaders like you.

You'll Never Walk Alone.

By aad on August 5, 2008 11:35 AM

Disciplines of yesterday are very different from the disciplines of today.

Pampered kids are chauffeured to school or drive luxury cars even their teachers could not afford.

These kids do not know the word 'difficulty' and expect everything to happen at the snap of their fingers.

If the teacher tries to educate them or punish them, all hell breaks loose and their parents will create a ruckus.

Teachers of today are equally bad, obsessed with politics and not interested to broaden their knowledge.

Gone are the good old days, as we enter a new dimension of simply criticizing without evaluation, and believing rumours instead of truth.

Well, at least, you had a good up bringing and passed that to a thankful generation, including my parents and me!

How I wish we could reverse the clock and bring back the good old days without being emotionally upset!

God bless the current generation of lazy critics.

By mamat2008 on August 5, 2008 11:45 AM

salam Tun,

tahniah atas segalanya...

erm saja mahu berkongsi pengalaman dengan Tun, saya mempunyai kawan graduan dari bidang sains kesihatan dari UPM. Saya kesian kat dia ni sebab dia selalu bercerita pasal masalah dia. dia ni kira best student masa sekolah and masa buat foundation kat kelantan, dan bercita-2 nak smbg buat medicine di UK. tp tahun itu 1998 disebabkan gawat ekonomi dia tak berpeluang dpt tawaran mana2. dia dpt buat kejuruteraan elektrik di UTM. tapi bayangkan dia ambil sains biologi/sains hayat takkan nak ambil bidang sains fizikal pulak...memang mengarut.

lantas, dia terpinga2 mencari peluang utk sambung pelajaran. dia nampak ada iklan utk buat medicine di Penang Medical College. dia kembali bersemangat. then dia g JPA utk amik biasiswa tp ditolak. so dia terpaksa pasrah aje...

suatu hari dia tengah makan2 dgn kawan2 dia then ternampak ada satu iklan buat nursing (diploma) kat UM. so dia pun join, sebab nak masuk bidang kesihatan and ada elaun bulanan. dia ni bukanlah org susah tp dia sentiasa tak dpt support from his father utk smbg pelajaran. semua perbelanjaan masa buat foundation kat kelantan pun dia yg support sendiri. adalah sikit2 mak pak dia tlg.

ok then, dia pun buat diploma nursing kat UM tu. dia jadik antara best student. tp ada je yg tak suka dia. ada satu lecturer yg bukan berbangsa melayu tak suka dekat dia ni. sampai dihalaunya dia dari kelas. bayangkan dia boleh hina dina kawan saya ni dan ambil waktu yg agak signifiant semata2 utk cakap dia tak suka kat kawan saya ni. sedangkan waktu itu dia boleh gunakan utk mengajar sebaik mungkin!

lantas kawan saya itu taklah masuk kelas dia. sampai perkara ini didengar oleh ketua jabatan/unit. then si professor yg bagus ni dipanggil dan diarahkan utk tidak mengajar lagi kelas itu. ini terjadi bukan kerana kawan saya tu yg complaint tapi kawan2 dia yang bising2 kat lecturer.

dia cemerlang dan bekerja sebagai staff nurse disitu. sampailah suatu hari dia mendapat tawaran utk smbg study (buat first degree) kat UK, and pergilah dia berjumpa ketua dalam tmpt dia bekerja tp yg

bestnye ketua ni kata tak perlu smbg study lagi sbelainya dapatkan pengalaman dahulu. fuh kesian member saya sorang nie. then dia dpt tawaran smbg study di unimas pun si ketua yng bagus ni kata kena gain experience dulu.

sampailah dia dpt sambung kat upm. alhamdulillah dapat gak dia buat frst degree. tapi nasib dia tak sebaik itu, kat situ dia pernah jadik best student and dapat dean's award utk satu sem. tp next sem nye pulak ada satu subjek tu, dia boleh dapat 'F'! dia sgt tak puas hati sebab dia tahu dia dah jawab dengan sebaik mungkin paling teruk mesti dia dapat C aje tp dia sgt yakin dia boleh dpt A, then complaint kat ketua unit/jabatan/dekan ...kertas dia disemak semula oleh 3 pemeriksa...dan dia dianugerahkan 'B'... bayangkan mcm mana F boleh jadik B? si professor yg bagik B tu sebenarnya adalah seorg professor yg bukanlah berbangsa asing tp rakyat malaysia yg bukan bumiputera. dia ni (si professor ni) bagik A kat bangsa-bangsa dia, walhal tesis/assignment yg bangsa2 diaorg ni buat bukannye bagus sangat pun! jadik memang wujud racism di Malaysia terutama oleh mereka-mereka ni walaupun kita dah cuba nak berbaik bagus dgn dorang....

(sorry walaupun comment ni larik sikit dari Tun punye blog)

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:47 AM

Dear Tun,

Talking about the old memories during our school days, I would recommend you to grab an English literature book titled " Tom Brown's School Days" written by Thomas Hughes. You can buy it through online amazon.com. It costs US16.00 !!It is a very interesting book to read, indeed. I have one in my personal library.

By stiletosAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:49 AM

That was so sweet!! Your entry somehow brought me to the memory of my schooling years. I used to be one of the top students during primary and secondary level. I still remember some of my teacher's name and how good they were in teaching.

Tun, please do write more entry like this so that we could know you better and love you forever. At least entry like this will...you know....make us little bit at ease & relief regardless how bad Malaysia politic situation nowadays.

Anyway, you kinda great blogger! I bet you sure have tones of stories. Are there any chances for you to write story of your sons & daughter? Looking forward for that entry

By rakusman on August 5, 2008 11:51 AM

Salam buat Tun n famili dan pembaca,

Dalam kritikan terhadap suasana tanah air,Tun sempat juga memberi nasihat agar jasa guru dikenang sepanjang hayat. Tun membawa kami berfikir secara mengkaji sejarah diri dan sejarah tanah air sendiri.

Tidak hairanlah kritikan Tun benar benar tajam,tepat dan tidak mementingkan diri. Pengalaman orang bijak macam Tun tak sama dengan orang pandai. Yang ada sekarang pandangan mereka hanya dari satu sudut sahaja. Tun sepatutnya bagi kami tip macam mana nak berfikir macam Tun ! Bolih juga kami ajar pada anak anak

Apa apa pun tajuk Tun pada kali ini amat sentimental,touching dan macam seorang ayah menasihati anak anaknya agar sentiasa mengenang budi.

Benar Tun Dr M, kami akan sentiasa tidak lupa jasa jasa Tun.

salam.

By murai77 on August 5, 2008 11:53 AM

Salam Tun,

selama ini saya mencari2 apa yang membuat saya dan ramai bloggers yang lain begitu meminati Tun, dan akhirnya saya dah jumpa sebabnya:-

- i) Tun adalah seorang yang genius.
- ii) Tun adalah idola setiap orang tak kira penyokong mahupun musuh Tun...you are inspiring and they learn a lot from you.
- iii) Tun berfikir, mengajar rakyat berfikir dan berkata seperti rakyat, sebenarnya Tun adalah wakil dari Rakyat...bukan mereka yang mengaku suara rakyat tetapi hanya untuk kepentingan diri.
- iv) Tun adalah seperti bapa, kami bloggers yang mengikuti perkembangan tun adalah seperti anak, Tun mengajar dan membuka minda kami, Tun menjadi contoh kepada kami.
- v) Tun, jika kita kumpulkan dalam sejuta orang dalam dunia ni, tiada seorang pun yang boleh dibandingkan dengan Tun, believe it or not...
- vi) Jika di blog politician yang lain, mereka dok maki orang, hamun orang, menuduh sana dan sini, tetapi Tun cool dan lebih relax, ini menjadikan Bloggers yang melawat blog Tun jadi terikut dengan gaya intelek Tun dan lebih civilised berbanding manusia zaman batu di blog2 politician yang lain.

Tun, i'm proud to be Malaysian, bangga kerana saya pernah merasa zaman pentadbiran Tun dan bersyukur kerana Allah mengurniakan pemimpin seperti Tun di Malaysia, i really miss it a lot...
By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 11:54 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Walaupun saya bersekolah akhir 80an dan awal 90an... cikgu2 memang bawak rotan lagi... kena rotan kami ok jer...

kami kena rotan tangan... punggung....

pastu relax jer

budak2 sekarang kena rotan sikit... tak payah nak citer... manja sgt...

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>
By KersaniAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:55 AM

Ayahanda Tun

Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful insight into your early life. It was a delightful surprise to see that you left a posting before leaving for Japan! Reading every word, felt like I was 'hearing' my own father sharing his story. Indeed Sir, I don't mind saying you are the father I wish I had. In a way you are my father, as you are a father-figure to millions of Malaysians.

I think this posting has brought you closer to us all, as personal insights tend to do. I hope this is a pre-cursor to the kind of stories of your life that you will share with us in your (hopefully soon to be released) memoirs, apart from stories of politics and government.

Much love and adulation to you SIR.

Allah sahaja yang mampu membalas budi dan jasa Tun pada kami semua. Semoga Allah sentiasa melindungi Tun dan Tun Hasmah, dan semoga Allah terus mengurniakan kesihatan dan tenaga agar Tun berdua dapat terus berjuang dan menabur bakti pada bangsa dan negara.
By smallbossman on August 5, 2008 11:58 AM

YB Tun

Great piece of memories on the old days.. everytime i pass by the school i always remember that Tun studied in this school before... Same to the clinic near Pakan Rabu.... Miss kedah very much... Kubang

Pasu is the best. Semua murah and aman there...

Ex student POLIMAS..

By DC on August 5, 2008 11:59 AM

Dear Tun,

Good to see some soft spot of you...in this new write-up. Keep up the good work!

I would like to comment on the STeoh inputs of SM Maxwell above...which is regarded as gangster school. I think I am your senior as I know some of the friends you mentioned. I was studying at SM Maxwell for well 7 years. I understand why people describe Maxwell school as gangster school. But, then again, it was not that bad as mentioned. Some of the gangsters was also my friends and classmates. For most of them, they love to study and pretty normal students. Just that of external influence and some greed of power, that's causes the change of behavior. And finally becoming a "gangster". I would like to link it with current politics situation. Similar case, that a politician is fighting to gain control and using all possible method to influent people mindsets. More like outside real gangsters trying to influent the students. Join the gang and you will be "protected" so the politician would say, join me against the government and you will have your petrol price lower by 50 cents! But if a student can think properly, if he or she joins that gang, how well they will feel "protected"? I can say, I protect you now but forget the next day! Like wise, now I say I reduce the petrol by 50 cents when I am the PM but I may raise it back by 80 cents one month later! You can talk well now...but the true colour may shown once the power is the hand!

Tun era is the best in term of political stability, peace and harmony. Malaysia is really moving toward the Vision 2020....now I am not so sure.

By I copy on August 5, 2008 12:00 PM

Tun yang di hormati,

Kenangan semasa zaman persekolahan memang indah. Samada semasa bersekolah di sekolah rendah atau menengah dan seterusnya semasa di universiti.

Dari artikel Tun, teringat pada tahun 1974 semasa di darjah satu di sekolah rendah. Sekolah kampung.

Tahun 1974 adalah satu tahun yang istimewa untuk kampung ini. Menteri Pelajaran Malaysia akan datang untuk merasmikan sekolah kampung setelah beberapa puluh tahun di dirikan.

Teringat bagaimana bangunan sekolah kampung ini di cat baru. Kawasan sekolah di bersihkan. Jalan ke sekolah juga di perbesarkan oleh pihak JKR walaupun masih jalan tanah merah.

Teringat pada hari perasmian, murid-murid sekolah berbaris sepanjang jalan dari jam 8.00 pagi menunggu Menteri Pelajaran untuk menghadiri diri. Cuaca yang panas tidak dihiraukan sangat dan kira-kira jam 11 pagi rombongan Menteri Pelajaran sampai di sekolah kampung ini.

Murid-murid sekolah, guru-guru dan orang kampung terharu dengan kedatangan Menteri Pelajaran bersama rombongan nya. Jurugambar dari RTM juga datang merakamkan peristiwa bersejarah ini.

Pada waktu malam orang kampung melihat peristiwa perasmian ini di kaca TV yang dibekalkan oleh elektrik dari generator. Sungguh bangga dan gembira kerana peristiwa ini ditayangkan keseluruh negara.

Terima kasih Tun atas kesudian Tun merasmikan sekolah kampung ini, Sekolah Rendah Kampung Tebok Jawa, Sabak Bernam, Selangor.

Terima kasih.

By joeheny on August 5, 2008 12:00 PM

Congratulations to Tun for being named the Collegiate of the Centenary. It sounds a bit old but the honour emanating from it tells a million words of the life of the title holder. Keep up the good work.
By anakmiri on August 5, 2008 12:04 PM

Thank You Tun,

I was reading many times of you write-up and I really enjoy them. All these info is very useful and good to remind us of what been done to make this Country. People forget. The younger generation is not well informed. Though we have this new political situation, but this is a learning process. What is good now we have an arena to talk thing out, and things are now open to be discuss, esp. in a lot of blogs. This process of learning Malaysian has to go through. And I hope the People of Malaysia is now more mature of listening and receiving all these and can judge what is being discuss in a blog is either are true or false. In my 30 years of Internet knowledge, I have already seen enough and there are times still now I can still get hooked to discussion that is really getting me emotional. With other who is now new to Internet, I am not surprise they believe thing discussed is 100% to be real. I hope Tun should also do on write-up on the danger of blogging, This will educate people who are new to this environment. People believe so much what is on written in the net " and they are a lot of younger generation now, I respect them for the knowledge they acquire, but I would say responsible for what they are doing, cos not aware of the implication. Or just trying to be too open and later get themselves into trouble.. I was young and I understand this..

Your blog have very great impact on the future of Malaysia, and recently I think having a very positive effect already . Keep on doing it... The Bridge has been made and they are irresponsible people now trying to burn it.

All Malaysian are smart, even the Nenek and Datok knew what is going on.. It just some irresponsible people who is too greedy and having trouble themselves and want the bridge to be burnt, then we ends up in the hand of the superpower and the world Police.

By tunkuishak on August 5, 2008 12:05 PM

Dear Tun,

It is an honor to be part of old collegian...for me and m dad...it has been legacy for family to continue the tradition of schooling at KSAH...

however, I'm quite disappointed with school system right now...UPSR..PMR..SPM and STPM seems not valuable anymore...the quality is down..purely because all of us want to see the more A's and the quality has been sacrifices...I'm sure the 10,15,20 A's students is good but not as good as compared to generation in 90's,80's and before...this what happening in IPT..good student during school day bt lost when enter the university..think about this..what is wrong right now???

Regards,

T.I.T.Kudin

By hamdanTeluk Intan on August 5, 2008 12:06 PM

Salam.

Tun, saya memang ajar anak...kalau guru rotan..balik mengadu memang saya salahkan dia..saya percaya kaedah ini kena diteruskan. Saya tak perlu ikut orang.

Apa dah jadi dgn konsep sekolah wawasan?. Paklah sebaliknya nak buka semula sekolah SRJKC damansara yang telah dipindahkan dulu. Saya percaya, hanya melalui alam pendidikan anak2 bangsa malaysia boleh membentuk perpaduan. Dulu walaupun ada pemisahan sekolah tetapi keluarga cina tetap bergaul mesra dgn keluarga melayu..

By osrieAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 12:11 PM

Kesejahteraan buat Tun..

We are feel so lucky, that we were still can reach you on this blogs, this is a part of sweet things ever!..

Happy Wedding Anniversary (52th).
(May Allah SWT bless you and yours family)

(And i want to dedicateing my greeting to all my old friends and my memorial teacher especially to Cikgu NoorJamallulail Md Noor (frm T'gnu) and Cikgu Razali Hamzah (frm Kdh), (in 1990-1994 at SMK Kundasang)

Sekian.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 12:12 PM

Dear Tun,

I think my High School,Muar outshines your college. It has produced a lot of high powered technocrats including Menteri Besars and Ministers. kah,kah, kah. Just joking, Tun.
By ISTERI ANTIMAMAK on August 5, 2008 12:15 PM

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TUN,

Satu memori yang indah buat TUN juga pada rakyat untuk kongsi bersama. Zaman TUN diKSAH memang telah membawa bermacam kebanggaan kepada kami selepas TUN. TUN sebagai idola kami.

Bersyukur juga dengan idola, kami sampai ke puncak yang kami sampai sekarang. Walau apapun TUN masih merupakan Idola bagi kami.

Semasa sekolah rendah, berpeluang juga bersekolah di Sekolah Iskandar. Ya,zaman dulu tu teringat juga gelagat Mukriz dan Mohzani.

Walaupun ianya satu memori, suatu kehidupan yang baik jika dibentuk dari awal itu pasti akan menjadi baik juga hasilnya, insyallah.

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By dospenang on August 5, 2008 12:19 PM

SALAM TUN,

LAWAN ANWAR

Sedang TUN sekarang ini tiada dalam mana-mana parti, apa kata TUN bertanding lawan ANWAR IBRAHIM dekat PERMATANG PAUH atas tiket BEBAS....

Saya nak tengok juga reaksi Anwar bila TUN buat kenyataan nak bertanding parlimen tu. Kalau acah pun jadilah....

Mesti gabra punya....

Saya rasa kalau TUN bertanding baik untuk TUN kerana TUN mungkin boleh masuk PARLIMEN hentam KABINET dan PAK LAH CUKUP22222.

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WASALAM

By Dr.Siddiq AzaniAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 12:21 PM

best la dgr kisah tun. saya bayangkan tun masa kecik. masa tu siapalah sangka budak kecik ni bakal jadi negarawan terulung agaknya kan? mesti Mr.Zain bangga dengan Tun. salam tun..

<http://writtenbyhim.wordpress.com/>
By ahh on August 5, 2008 12:22 PM

askum tun,
TDM kene kuatkan semangat.Saya doakan tun sihat disamping keluarga tersayang dan panjang umur.HIDUP TUN.

By Maruti on August 5, 2008 12:23 PM

Tun yang terhormat,

There's a lesson here that everybody should never forget...

"Jangan jadi seperti kacang lupakan kulit!"

Walau dimana pun kita berada atau telah berada kita seharusnya jangan lupa dengan asal-usul kita dan tahu berterima kasih terhadap mereka-mereka yang telah berjasa kepada kita. Tangan yang telah menerima jangan lupa kepada tangan yang memberi. Apabila memandang langit di angkasa jangan lupa kepada rumput dan bumi yang dipijak.

Tetapi seperti kata Tun "Melayu mudah lupa....."

Tahniah kepada Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid kerana telah berjaya melahirkan Negarawan Ulung seperti Tun. Malah KSAH telah melahirkan bukan satu tetapi dua nama besar dalam sejarah kita, Tunku dan Tun.

By ahniuku on August 5, 2008 12:23 PM

Dear TUN,

I think this entry of yours shows the importance of education. Our forefathers with vision had always placed education as the highest priority in their struggle for better life. Good thing that their efforts had yielded some good results which we all can see.

Unfortunately I think our Government for decades though with increased budget every year still somehow managed to make teaching as one of the lowest paid job in Malaysia. Incredible ! As a result, many bright Malaysians never consider teaching as their profession. Many teachers also seek second income to make ends meet. I think those big fat budget of education are mainly used for construction of schools, supplies of hardware, etc had been abused and "makan" by many corrupted contractors or contract holders owned by those divisional heads, aka UMNOputra, MCAputra, MICputra, BNputra and what not.

Many would corruptions in education budget is really small flies as compared to other departments e.g. defence where hundreds of millions were paid as commissions without a blink. Those old defence hardware that we bought were of not much use anyway as Malaysia and the region that we are in are pretty peaceful place. What about the many hundreds million paid to phase out those thousands busses? Not forgetting the many fat and enriching "top secret" contracts for those IPPs and toll roads concession holders which we are still paying every day. We can see corruption big or small everywhere and everyday.

I think this is the failure of our education system without teaching the bad consequences of corruption. Otherwise, many many more Malaysians with TUN's caliber would have been produced and our GDP would be comparable to that "little red dot" called Singapore.

Learning should be our life long efforts. May be our Government should engage experts to design some impactful educational program to re-educate those who need it on the bad consequences of corruption. May I then suggest that educational program or package to include the recent movie "CJ7" by Stephen Chow. The repeating and recurring theme of this movie is, Steven the father, a typical very very very poor urban "migrant worker" in the fast developing China is educating his son that :- "Although we are poor, we will not lie, we will not fight and do not take what do not belong to us. As long as we study hard, we will become a good person".

Regards

Niuku

By mohara on August 5, 2008 12:26 PM

Salam YABhg Tun,

Nostalgic indeed... it is so nice to hear something different from you, something that shows that underneath it all you are the same as all of us.

Reading your article make me recollect the same nostalgic feelings that I have gone through... my primary education in Sekolah Ismail 2 Muar(69 - 74) and then MRSM Seremban (75 - 79) before I pursue my education abroad.

Indeed Tun... treasured memories ... and many thanks to all those that has played a role to my well being.

Salam Tun... do have a nice day and take care.

MOHARA.

By fahmy on August 5, 2008 12:31 PM

salam Tun,
breathtaking, mengingatkan zaman persekolahan saya.
By BOB IPOH on August 5, 2008 12:33 PM

Salam,

1) Congratulation for being selected as one of the special student by your former school, you deserve to be one.

2) I share the thoughts of shahisma159, on the way schools are run today and how it should be run. I am an active member of PIBG for a new school PERAK. Huge amount money are spent in building schools but little attention are given to fill up the schools with equipment and teaching aids, i.e. science lab, computer lab, makmal kemahiran hidup and etc.

3) Teaching of maths and science in english, good and timely move by you, but the it being implemented had cause problem for malay students as their home language in most of us is malay. It should have been implemented as that of 1967 when geography and history was thought in malay from standard 1 in SRJK schools.

4) Reading your school days memorries, remains me of mine. Thank to the teachers of SRJK KHIR JOHARI & STAR PUTRA SABAK BERNAM. CIKGU YUSOF PATEH AKHIR, HASSAN ANMBIA, RAHIM (GEOGRAFY), MANIAM (ADD MATHS), MR MOO (MATHS), MS CHEAH (ENGLISH), MS LIM (ENGLIH "THE WALKING DICTONARY), MR NG (PHYSICS), MR CHIN (CHEMISTRY), MR PERUMAL, CIKGU DELIMA and alot more. "SEMOGA TUHAN MERAHMATI ANDA SEMUA DENGAN KESIHATAN YANG BAIK DAN PANJANG UMUR"

By emville on August 5, 2008 12:44 PM

Saya dulu x Jenan or SMSAH (Sekolah Menengah Sultan Abd Halim), boarding school. Dulu KSAH dgn SMSAH ni mmg musuh tradisi, dari bab pelajaran dan yg paling utama bab sukan terutamanya rugby.

Mmg kita jgn lupa hal2 sekolah lama sebab dari situ lah kita kenal dunia dan hopefully jadi org2 yg berguna.

By polie on August 5, 2008 12:45 PM

Dear Tun,
satu memori yang cukup indah, membuat saya imbas kembali zaman persekolahan saya dulu...dari sekolah rendah yang beratapkan nipah ke universiti yang beratapkan genting & banyak kemudahannya.

I very pround to u Tun.

By white on August 5, 2008 12:46 PM

Dearest Tun,

Like you Tun, my parents were chinese schoolteachers who earned very little, yet managed to bring up 7 children to university (King Edward, Singapore, my eldest brother) and me the youngest, at UM, and the rest trained school teachers, in modest peel road government quarters.

Like you Tun, we survived and we love Malaysia, our homeland, enjoying simple but pleasureable things in life like kite flying, kanta kinti, marbles, spinning tops and many others.

Like you Tun, we must ensure our future generations will not experience poverty, war and bloodshed, drowned in greed and corruption, but that everyone will have a rightful place in the sun.

And lastly like you Tun, speak out we must till our last breath at the atrocities and injustices happening everyday, till we are heard....

We salute you our beloved Tun, you are a irreplaceable true son of the soil!!

May Allah bless you and your family with great health and happiness.
By kuthe2 on August 5, 2008 1:01 PM

Dearest TUN,

KSAH... yes the Good Old Days...

Tun,

Being a kampung boy... I always have the Kedah Spirit in me...

Yeap... Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Iskandar.... My school too...

KSAH.. (SAHC)... was my secondary...

Then when to Uni...

Growing up is a lessons we learn in Life...

No fate but what we make...

Hidup TUN...

Melayu Unite.!

Putih... PUTih... PUTIH... PAK LAH tolong Blah...

Salam perjuangan,

Alif Ba Ta

By Freddie KevinAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 1:02 PM

Dearest Tun,

We all have our special memories of our schooling days and I hope when we reach your age we will still have our faculties intact and as powerful as yours. On the subject of schools I would suggest that the government provide scholarships to all the top students for higher education irrespective of race, religion or status or move in this direction. If those offered scholarship are well to do, they in good faith could decline. The scholarships will be a gesture of the Govt's acknowledgement to their endeavours and achievements. After all they will one day be the future leaders of our beloved country. Also, I call upon the local corporate companies who have benefitted and prospered during your administration to set up a foundation in your name for the sole purpose of providing scholarsips to (say 100) of the very creme de la creme for higher education. The mechanism and criteria could easily be set by a board of directors from the contributing companies. This will be a real tribute to your good self,our beloved bapa TUN.

Thank you my beloved TUN MM

By kenit on August 5, 2008 1:03 PM

Salam...

I've read this from my friend's blog.. Just want to share with everyone, maybe someone already posted it...

Tun, you're my hero.. Always & forever...

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

A moment comes, which rarely comes in a lifetime, when a particular event redefines a person's life and changes the course permanently. For me, the meeting with Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on the evening of October 3, 1997 was such an event. It enabled me to devote the next 6 years of my life working for Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, meeting him almost daily. In the process, it enabled me to see, at very close range, the abilities of this great man.

The combination of many noble qualities in one person is rare, and it is this unique combination that has enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to transform Malaysia from an otherwise typical third world country into a thriving and vibrant nation, well on the way to become a developed nation. It is also this combination of qualities that enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to save Malaysia from becoming another IMF nation during the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998.

I am often asked about my involvement in the recovery plan implemented on September 1, 1998. It began on September 29, 1997, when I received a telephone call from the office of Dr Mahathir Mohamad informing me that the Prime Minister wanted to see me. The PM was in Cuba at that time, and I asked (in jest) if I was to meet the Prime Minister in Cuba ! I was told (not in jest) that he will be arriving in Buenos Aires on October 3, 1997 and I was to make sure I was in Buenos Aires at least a day before he arrived. I packed my bags and left for Buenos Aires, and arrived in Buenos Aires on October 2.

The PM arrived the following day at 5 pm and we met immediately at his suite. He informed me that he had asked many people to explain to him what was causing the financial crisis but no one was able to give him a satisfactory reply. He asked me whether I could explain to him what exactly was happening.

I asked him how much time he had, and he said two hours. I explained to him how the forex market works, about short positions and long positions, about hedging and how currencies are borrowed and sold, the difference between "bid" and "offer" and how funds can be transferred from one country to another at the click of a button. I also explained how the equity market works and the relationship between the forex market and the equity market. Dr. Mahathir hardly said anything, asked one or two questions, and listened intently.

After two hours, he had to end the meeting to get ready to go for an official dinner. He asked me about my plans for the night and I said I had been invited for the same dinner. Dr. Mahathir said to me: You go back to your room and write down all that you have been telling me for the last two hours, and see me at 7 am tomorrow. I went back to my room, skipped dinner, and wrote it all down, finishing at about 6 am.

I saw him the next morning at 7 am and gave him the report. He asked me to take a rest and come back again at 2 pm.. When I returned, he told me that he had read the report and that he now understands what was happening in the financial markets. We started discussing various methods of overcoming the crisis, and our discussions continued when we returned to Malaysia. I met him almost daily for discussion, sometimes at his house and sometimes at his office. We tried a few mechanisms to overcome the crisis, some of which worked initially, but the hedge funds were so strong that it was difficult to proceed successfully with these mechanisms.

In early 1998, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asked me to explore the idea of imposing an exchange control regime to overcome the crisis. I remember preparing voluminous notes on this subject. Dr. Mahathir went through the notes carefully, and kept asking for more and more details. We went through many rounds of discussion, until he was finally convinced both with the concept as well as the proposed mechanism. The rest, I guess, is history.

Dr. Mahathir also asked me to prepare a paper on how to put an end to Malaysian shares traded in CLOB (Central Limit Order Book) in Singapore. Dr. Mahathir was of the view that an important reason for the

falling stock market was the short-selling of Malaysian stocks in CLOB. I prepared the report and Dr. Mahathir understood, for the first time, how exactly CLOB operates. The report, which was also implemented on September 1, 1998, put to an end the trading of Malaysian shares in CLOB.

I should add that the exchange control measures were crafted in such a way as to minimize the control aspects and maximize the outcome. The Prime Minister went through the proposed mechanism many times to make sure that the control elements were as few as possible, but adequate enough to ensure a positive outcome. There were no bureaucratic elements in these measures, such as requiring importers to obtain Bank Negara's permission to import. The Ringgit was also pegged at a level where it was not overvalued. In almost every other country, which imposes exchange control measures and pegs its currency, there would, almost by definition, be numerous bureaucratic controls, and the currency would also be pegged at an overvalued rate.

It is often assumed that the system of exchange control (including fixed exchange rate) that we implemented on September 1, 1998 saved the country. The measures of September 1, 1998 were undoubtedly a necessary condition, but it was not a sufficient condition to overcome the crisis. Malaysia was saved, not by exchange control measures per se, but by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Let me explain. Any other developing country, facing a similar crisis, if it had introduced the measures that we introduced in September 1998, the measures would probably have failed. The fact that in Malaysia these measures succeeded is due to the ability and character of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The economy and the financial system, under Dr. Mahathir's leadership, was in a very healthy state-healthy enough for the exchange control measures to be implemented without negative consequences. Moreover, the Prime Minister's hands-on management style enabled quick and timely decisions to be made, which was vital under the new exchange control regime.

Dr. Mahathir, as Prime Minister, had ensured that the Malaysian economy was fundamentally strong. Ringgit was strong and stable. On the back of the currency stability (at RM2.50 against the US dollar) Malaysia was doing very well. At the end of 1996, real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at almost 8.5 per cent and the growth was expected to continue for many more years. The government was enjoying a fiscal surplus. The external debt was low, at 40 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The current account of the balance of payments had narrowed from a deficit of 10 per cent to 5 per cent of GNP, and was expected to improve further. Inflation was at its lowest at 2.1 percent. We had steady growth of over 8 per cent for a major part of that period. And this fundamental strength of Malaysia was a critical factor that enabled the exchange control measures to succeed.

For a period of more than a year after the measures of September 1, 1998 were implemented, the Prime Minister met with a small group of us everyday - 6 days a week - for at least 2 hours to go through various economic data, including data on loan growth, exports, imports, property overhang etc. This enabled the Prime Minister to take quick actions, whenever required. I remember one morning when we were going through the property figures, he looked at me and directed that I should organize a property fair to clear the overhang of properties. I did, and property worth more than RM 3 billion was sold. Even after the crisis was over, Dr. Mahathir continued to meet with the group regularly, though no longer on a daily basis. And Dr. Mahathir continued to go through all the economic data with a sharp pencil.

No other Prime Minister in the world, either in developed or developing countries, employs such a hands-on approach in managing the economy. We can see, therefore, that it was not the exchange control measures per se that saved the country but the man - Dr. Mahathir Mohamad - himself.

The period 1997 - 1998 was, to paraphrase Charles Dickens, the worst of times, but it was also the best of times. The worst conditions brought out the best in Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. There is a saying that a good leader is like good tea - you only know the true quality when he is in hot water !

Throughout the crisis, the Prime Minister was focussed on resolving the crisis. Day and night, he thought of nothing else but the crisis. He read all he could on finance; he kept asking me to prepare notes on various technical issues. Sometimes he was sick with bad flu and cough, but he did not take time off to

rest. He was convinced that he had to understand the issues before he could work out the solutions. His native intelligence and ability to focus on core issues were there throughout the crisis. He did not show any sign of fear even at the worst of time, only concern at the fast deteriorating state of the economy. He was, at all times, confident that he would prevail in the end.

I would like to add two additional points related to the financial crisis. The first is that, in implementing the measures of September 1, 1998, Dr. Mahathir not only saved Malaysia but the neighbouring countries as well. Let me explain. When Malaysia imposed its exchange control measures on September 1, 1998, the currency speculators realised that the other affected countries (Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea) could also impose similar controls, and they, therefore, stopped their activities in its track. The speculators backed off. They bought back the currencies that they had sold. This is resulted in the regional currencies appreciating. Moreover, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was not happy with what Malaysia had done, particularly since, after implementing the measures, we did exactly the opposite of what the IMF wanted us to do, i.e. we lowered our interest rates and injected liquidity into the system. The IMF, therefore, started relaxing conditions in other countries and allowed them to lower their interest rates and allowed them to inject liquidity to stimulate their economies so that Malaysia would not outperform the IMF countries. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Mahathir Mohamad not only saved Malaysia, but the other affected countries in the region as well - Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea.

My second point is regarding what would have happened if the exchange control measures were not implemented. If the measures were not implemented, many of corporations in Malaysia would have gone under, due to the high interest rates. When the corporations fall like dominos, banks would have faced severe liquidity and solvency problems due to the ballooning NPLs. The problems of the banks would have resulted in a credit squeeze, which would have led to another round of corporate failures. The Government's revenue would have fallen drastically as fewer firms would be paying corporate taxes, thereby reducing the Government's ability to stimulate the economy through fiscal policy measures. As a result of the problems faced by corporations and banks, unemployment would have increased substantially, leading to a second round of problems. This is the classic vicious cycle, which could have, in the end, destroyed the social and political stability of the country. This was a scenario that was waiting to happen. It did not happen because of the decisiveness and guts of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who decided to take the path less travelled.

We owe Dr. Mahathir much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998 was just one, albeit perhaps the most important, of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's many contributions to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, his high moral values and, most of all, for his sincerity. Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday.

(23rd. October, 2003)

By Noor Faiza on August 5, 2008 1:04 PM

Salam Tun,

Thank you for sharing Tun. May Allah bless Tun and family (including the late Master Mohamad bin Iskandar) as the person involved in developing the important characters in Malaysia including Tunku Abdul Rahman (1st PM) and you (4th PM).

I am really thankful to your family and now I hope that D.Mukhriz will continue the Iskandar legacy in developing the nation.

Thank you Tun and Tun Siti from the bottom of my heart. Happy 52nd anniversary!

By kuthe2 on August 5, 2008 1:05 PM

Tun,

Lupa pulaks...

Congrats.! Centurian.. SAHC..!!!

bangga nya Ku apabila telah mentelaah di Kolej yang sama...

Hidup TUN... Hidup Melayu...

Malaysia we love you...

By manlangkawi on August 5, 2008 1:08 PM

Tun, your willingness to take a break from your vacation to come back and celebrate the historical event really touched us. It was a real privilege to pay a visit to your Titi Gajah house to brief you and your wife about the event. I dunno about other people but we, the Collegians, young and old, still love you a lot. The old Collegians crowded around you during the dinner and enjoyed listening to your short speech (we wish it could be longer). The young Collegians screamed when you, Tun Siti Hasmah and Mukhriz arrived in your vintage Cadillac for the Centenary Celebration Day, and swamped around you when you visited the exhibition rooms. That showed how much we love you. I thought you were joking when you said you have cancelled your holiday before you left. Sorry for interrupting your vacation Tun. Like you said, we won't live another 100 years to celebrate another centenary! Thank you once again Tun!

By Mikey on August 5, 2008 1:08 PM

Dear Doctor,

I have maintained a high level of respect of you as an exemplary Malaysian (not the same as an exemplary statesman). You had very humble beginnings and rose to the apex of the nation.

You will always be remembered fondly for doing so much for the country and the ruling upper class that you had inadvertently created. If only you had been a Prime Minister for all Malaysians, how much difference that would have made.

God bless you, Sir and I pray that every Malaysian forgives your past trespasses and remembers the good you have done.

Warmest regards,

Mikey

By ejun on August 5, 2008 1:11 PM

Dear Tun,

Ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih atas kesudian Tun menandatangani Coffee Table Book SAHC saya pada 'The Centennial Dinner' tempoh hari..Buku ini akan saya simpan untuk 100 tahun lagi ke anak cucu saya...

From

+Batch SAHC 88-92

+Once Collegian Always Be Collegians

+SAHC 100 Years of Excellence

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By kuthe2 on August 5, 2008 1:12 PM

Tun Maaf tak ble tahan mau nyanyi juga laaa....

Strong loyalty we give our king
Firm friendship we would like to bring
We march along with strength and will
To help our country win
We aim for truth and courage
For virtues and for values
We're girls and boys of College
Good Collegians are we

K.S.A.H Alma mater
K.S.A.H young Collegians all

The problems of the world we face
Seem very small like earth in space
The rainbow of the sky we chase
A great and worthy race
We pupils here are happy
We're cheerful with no worries
For aren't we young Collegians
We are and proud to be

K.S.A.H Alma mater
K.S.A.H young Collegians all

Amat bersemangat lepas dah nyanyi kuat2 hati... Muahahahaha..!!!!
By MK on August 5, 2008 1:13 PM

Saya gak budak kedah mcm CHEDET
Saya gak Pelajar sekolah kebangsaan iskandar mcm Chedet
Saya gak pelajar KSAH mcm CHEDET
Saya gak pelajar MRSM mcm Abg Mukhriz
Saya gak pekerja di Cyberjaya tempat ilham CHEDET
Saya gak rindu sangat kat CHEDET.....
By madulazat on August 5, 2008 1:13 PM

thank you qho' dal ha..
this song really bring back my memories...
and still remember the words which every sunday morning we have to sing during assembly...

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wherever i go..whenever i sing this song..my kolej & hometown is the best...lmej kolej kita jaga!!!
By manlangkawi on August 5, 2008 1:21 PM

Sayang our Education Minister couldn't find time to join the occasion, too busy with UMNO election kot. Otherwise he may be able to learn some secrets how the old SAHC managed to produce 2 PMs, 5 Lord Presidents, ministers, Chief Secretary, United Nation General Assembly President and many more prominent people.
By songoku1 on August 5, 2008 1:30 PM

I'm not sure if people will read my comment. The real problem in Malaysian school especially elementary school regarding teaching science and math is not the language, it is the method of teaching.

What we are doing now is basically converting the language from BM to English and present it in the form of IT based solutions such as projector, laptop, software and etc.

Science especially is a practical, hands on based subject in which Malaysian school doesn't practice. It is like teaching student to play piano, but the teacher just put on a software on what piano is all about, playing piano music in the cd player and use text book on the method of playing piano. It simply won't work. What we lack now is the teaching equipment or science equipment. Students must conduct science experiments to learn the science process.

Science equipment are the missing link. Not only to student struggle to master the language, they don't understand the basic principle of science and do not know the process of science. It is a sad thing that student only concentrate in getting A for science by reading the latih tubi 1000 set of questions book. Science is about imagination, creative thinking and desire to question things not to memorize it. In Malaysia the one who memorize better will be going to universities because they got more A's. My friend got a 160 in the IQ test but always forgot my phone number.

Futhermore, in Malaysia Science Equipment will be call teaching aids?? Please note that science equipment or apparatus is known as teaching equipment not aids. For me latih tubi books is a teaching aids.

hope malaysian parents especially malays will change their mindset from aiming their sons or daughter to get straight's A to just to make sure they have fun learning in school. School are no fun anymore. And yet people question why student skips school.

I wish you well Tun. You are my idol.

Thanks

By nodos on August 5, 2008 1:36 PM

tun...cne nak jadi mcm tun??

By matpokok on August 5, 2008 1:37 PM

Ya sallam Tun

Happy anniversary 52 years Wedding, may Allah bless u n ur wife...

Tun,, Mr Zain (Dah Dato la ni)...ha Tun, saya pun pernah belajar dengan anak Mr Zain ni (Tun belajar ngan Mr zain,...saya pernah diajar oleh anak Mr Zain...kat UTM skudai...macam sama ja kita...ahahhaa)...memang baguih macam MR Zain...anak dia pun amat baguih...lagi2 dalam pertuturan B. Inggeris nya...memang di dalam kelas nya, dia memang baguih, dah suara dia kuat dan jelas...

teruskan perjuangan pena mu Tun...teruskan...

By Tun Dr Marvellous on August 5, 2008 1:38 PM

Salam Hormat kpd Tun n Famili,

...."all my Chinese and Indian classmates had far better results than me. The examination results of the other six Malay students were even worse than mine. There were 70 plus students in all."

Sampai sekarang pun anak Melayu masih ketinggalan dalam pelajaran di bandingkan dgn bangsa Cina dan India. Sampai bila anak2 Melayu boleh maju kalau masih selalu mengharap belas kasihan Kerajaan sudah 51 tahun pun masih mau disuap lagi. Jgn salahkan bila org Cina dan India yg berusaha sendiri tanpa bantuan kerajaan minta kedudukan lebih baik didalam negri Malaysia. Hanya dgn pelajaran anak2 Melayu setanding dgn Cina dan India yg boleh membawa Malaysia kearah Wawasan 2020 yg dihidamkan oleh seluruh rakyat Malaysia. Apabila anak2 Melayu sudah senang dan sudah ada kemampuan sendiri membantu anak2 mereka sendiri dan tidak perlu lagi bantuan kerajaan, barulah orang2 Melayu akan dihormati dan segani kerana berjaya tanpa bantuan kerajaan.

Sampai bila wahai anak2 Melayu,

- a) Orang Melayu bukan Bodoh tapi malas berusaha,
- b) Orang Cina bukan Pandai tapi rajin berusaha,
- c) Orang India bukan Angguk je tapi putar belit (Ular nampak org India, Ular lari seribu batu elakkan org India sebab putar belit org India lebih dahsyat dari ular sendiri.....

MALAYSIA BOLEH.....!

By sohamizainal on August 5, 2008 1:45 PM

Dear Tun,

First of all, I wish that you and Tun Dr. Siti Asmah are in the best of health and may Allah bless you in all your deeds.

Congratulations for being named as on of the three recipients of Collegiate of the Centenary. I would also like to congratulate the selection committee for naming the 3 most fitting recipients.

Thank you so much for sharing your nostalgic trip to SAHC with us. Yes, the very name SAHC or KSAH brings back fond memories. The HM's office, the main lobby, the classrooms, the Assembly Hall, the Library ... everything tells a different story to every student that passed there. Oh, lest I forget the wonderful teachers we had – Mr. Joginder Singh Jessy the strict yet compassionate Headmaster, Ustz Mahadi Minhat, Mr Foo the English Master, Cik Gu Ibrahim, Ms. Indra who taught English Literature, Mr Lee (PE), Mr. K. Ramachandran...and many-many more. Thinking of the school and these wonderful and

dedicated teachers makes your eyes watery with nostalgic joy. It was just wonderful and proud to be a Collegian. Actually, the bond between the collegians is forever.

Thank you SAHC for nurturing us to be responsible citizens of Malaysia.

Thank you Tun Dr. Mahathir for propelling Malaysia to its greatest height during your tenure as Prime Minister.

'Old Collegian 1971 – 1975'
By mah on August 5, 2008 1:48 PM

Salam Tun,

Its only last night i dream of my standard one teacher (her name is Azizah) and her lovely daughter. I woke this morning and wonder why i have that dream. it has been 33 years since then.

and then, here this morning, i'm reading about you old school and teachers. what a coincidence.

Take care Tun and salam.
By sarb on August 5, 2008 1:54 PM

Salam Yang Berhahgia Tun,

I was there Tun and I am very happy to be able to shake your hand and also had a photo taken with you and my class of 73 (Form 5) gang. It was a good day to be back on the college field, canteen hall and classroom.

Salam/Baftim
By lampu basikal on August 5, 2008 1:57 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Congratulation Tun, you really deserve to call a true Malaysian hero and may Allah be on our side all the time. Aminnnn.

PS: send my regards to your other half and your family too. Wasalam.
VIVA TUN DR MAHATHIR.
By ajmAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 1:58 PM

Salam TUN,

Tahniah TUB dan semoga SAHC terus berjaya.

Kepada semua EDWARDIAN dlm blog ini salam dari saya.

Hey I'm a TIGER too.

Tigers can e-mail me at ajmke75@gmail.com.

UMNO dah kucar kacir kerana terlalu ramai yg gila kuasa dan harta saja. Sekolah dan IQ tak sampai mana masuk politik nak buat duit saja. Tingkatan 3 pun tak pass macam mana nak fikir tentang ekonomi dan hal-ewal negara. Bukan hina tapi saya dah jumpa banyak org UMNO macam ini.

Mungkin perlu set satu standard tahap IQ sebelum boleh bertanding jadi ketua bahagian atau pun cawangan.

Maaf hanya satu cadangan saja.

Selamat berjaya TUN dan bloggers semua.
By degra on August 5, 2008 2:00 PM

Dear Tun,

Because The British Colonial Government practices affirmative action. We found you! Our great leader. Although, I don't support the British but it is undeniable that because of the system(on education only) is good we nurture many great leaders.

Can our current system to that? Are we really lacking of great leaders? Our population is getting larger which should also means that the chances of getting another great leader should be proportionally high. But today, it seems like we are lacking of leaders like you.

Do you agree that it is the our country education system fault?

Regards
Alex.
By suppie kugrimo on August 5, 2008 2:01 PM

dearest unreplaceable Tun,

i missed school too.. as i missed your timeless and historical masterpiece leadership. some people still don't understand the true meaning of gratitude and respect living in this beloved Malay Kingdom. many people have sacrificed to make what we are enjoying now. but lately, some are destroying it.

let me put to all, as a good classic example. maybe someday there'll be a 'Sekolah Kebangsaan Melayu' in singapore. fully funded by the singapore government.. or rather we name it 'Che Det Malay School of Singapore' as a matter of respect to Tun, on the behalf of successfull proven malay leadership. sure they'll give and make way for this goodwill gesture..... like we did.... without any doubts at all. get it?!

Mahathirism - 'del mondo campione de malay supremo'

i'm not 'possesed', but it is indeed undeniable fact. we can't easily be that forgetfull do we? enough said.

suppie
By Oumono on August 5, 2008 2:03 PM

Tun,

Sy pn Alma mater KSAH..Ruginya tak dapat join sekali SAHC 100th year dinner..The fact they named you the 3rd collegiate, showed that people still adore you Tun. We, SAHOCA'n will always remember you.

Hidup Tun. love you Tun.
By White RabbitAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:04 PM

Nice one Tun...
Zaman persekolahan merupakan zaman paling penting dan diingati oleh setiap insan. Masa inilah kita memilih, membentuk dan mencorakkan identiti yang akan kita bawa hingga ke akhir hayat.

Terima kasih kepada Tun kerana semasa pentadbiran Tun, sistem persekolahan di Malaysia semakin mantap dan setiap rakyat mempunyai peluang untuk bersekolah. Cuma sekarang saya harap sistem pendidikan negara lebih menumpukan tentang aplikasi ilmu yang dipelajari memandangkan kebanyakan

lepasan graduan yang menganggur kurang pengetahuan ini. Pendedahan tentang realiti kewangan dan mengubah persepsi rakyat mengenai bidang keusahawanan juga perlu diserapkan di dalam sistem pendidikan kita. Pada pendapat saya, jika didedahkan pada peringkat seawal ini, banyak masalah-masalah negara yang dihadapi sekarang dapat dielakkan dan di atasi.

White Rabbit

<http://bangkitlahusahawanmalaysia.blogspot.com/>

By motorsportuniversitymalaysia Author Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:05 PM

Tun,

My background is different from yours in many ways.

My father and his father were farriers.

In rural Ireland "Formal" education was frowned upon as something irrelevant to the future job needs ie shoeing horses!

Today of course, the car has taken the place of the horse.

As technology advances, so the need for education of a formal nature becomes more important and relevant for all of us.

As PM you obviously promoted Malaysia as a place open to technological advancement. Cyberjaya and the F1 circuit being a physical testimony to this.

From an educational perspective, the F1 circuit seems underutilised. A recent Bernama survey suggests the Rakyat support the idea of a Motorsport University.

As there are plans to develop the circuit, might this not be the ideal time to consider a plan for such a facility?

I have set up a blog to explore the possibility of such an institution, as well as preparing a Slideshare slideshare presentation.

Where Cyberjaya was mooted as the next San Fernando Valley, perhaps future F1 circuits will aspire to be the new Motorsport University Malaysia / China / India etc.

Wouldn't that be nice!

John Mansfield

By fazumi on August 5, 2008 2:11 PM

salam TokDir dan Nek Hasmah...

dan Chedet fan...

zaman persekolah sesuatu yg amat manis untuk dikenang...walaupun saya tak pernah pergi ke kolej atau sekolah yang berprestij tapi ilmu yang saya timba dari guru2 yang berkaliber amat bermakna dalam hidup saya...hingga saya mempunyai kehidupan yang amat bermakna dlm hidup saya...saya rasa bertuah walau tak kaya untuk bermegah...

kerana tun dan dengan izin Allah saya dan keluarga dan rakan2 dapat menimba ilmu dengan aman tanpa gangguan...

terima kasih atas pengorbanan mu...

jumpa lagi...

By ubi kayu on August 5, 2008 2:13 PM

Salam ayahanda Tun,

A very nostalgic memoir indeed!

Everyone should remember their 'Those were the days....' be it bad or good.

With it gives hope to carry on for a brighter future!

Tahniah Tun!

Wassalam

By sdahenanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:22 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAH HI TAALA WABAROKATUH

Yang di hormati lagi di sayangi Ayahanda Tun dan Bonda Siti Hasmah

Tahniah di atas sambutan CENTENNARY CELEBRATION KSAH itu.

Tahniah kerana di anugerahkan sebagai the Third Collegiate.

Tentu bagi sesiapa yang bertuah dapat pergi ke sekolah tidak akan dapat melupakan hari2 persekolahan mereka terutama yang datang dari kampung2 seperti saya ini.

Cuma beza nya murid2 dahulu terdidik dengan sikap amat menghormati guru2 sekolah dan takut kepada mereka terutama guru disiplin yang selalu nya bermisai tebal. Semasa negara baru mula hendak maju dahulu, kita tidak terdedah sangat dengan budaya2 liar, perkara2 yang tidak baik yang boleh merosakkan budaya dan tatasusila hidup dan agama.

Tetapi sekarang ini kita sendiri takut melihat anak2 kita yang pergi ke sekolah. Apakah percampuran mereka di sekolah? tingkah laku mereka dan bermacam lagi sehinggakan kita takut apakah anak kita akan di curi/colek orang. Olih kerana sekarang ini demi menjayakan apa yang di katakan MODAL INSAN maka anak2 kita boleh di gunakan untuk di buat MODAL UNTUK MENDAPATKAN DUIT olih mereka2 yang harubiru itu.

Terima kasih Ayahanda kerana telah mengingatkan anakanda kembali akan ALAM PERSEKOLAHAN YANG PENUH NOSTALGIA ITU.

Semoga Ayahanda Tun dan Bonda selalu berada di dalam limpahan rahmat Allah SWT.

Alif Lam Mim

WASSALAM

By Helang Laut on August 5, 2008 2:25 PM

Malacca High School, Malacca High School, Malacca High School.....

By monday1 on August 5, 2008 2:25 PM

cikgu zain masih ada lagi...

cam tak percaya...satu hari nanti tun kena

bergambar dengan dia untuk tatapan kami...sesuatu yg sentimental

By jmangguh on August 5, 2008 2:29 PM

Teruskan menulis Tun.

Salam sejahtera & semoga Tun sihat sentiasa.

By chesomAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:32 PM

salam TUN.

teringat zaman sekolah tahun 70 an. darjah 2 masa tu tak ingat sifir 12 ke pukul kat tangan 5 kali pas tu kena diri atas bangku.

balik tak adu pun kat emak. takut kena tambah lagi.

lain bebudak sekarang. kena jentik sikit mak bapak terus buat lapuran polis.

terkenang-kenang di masa lalu

chesom

By IvbalaAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:39 PM

Dear TUN,

Even most of the Tamil school specially in Perak and Kedah still in a BAD condition. It might be harm to their Safety.

Please TUN yang dihormati dan disayangi. Its you who can make the changes.

salam TUN

By chesomAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:42 PM

salam TUN.

teringat zaman sekolah dulu tahun 70 an. masa tu darjah 2 ke rotan kat tangan 5 kali sebab tak lancar sifir 12, pas tu kena diri atas bangku. balik rumah tak adupun kat mak takut kena tambah lagi.

lain bebudak sekarang, kena jentik sikit mak bapak dah buat lapuran polis. tak cukup tu panggil media buat press conference.

terkenang -kenang di massa lalu.

chesom

By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 2:44 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Boleh saya kirim salam tun kat kengkawan dan guru sekolah

S.K Tanjung Batu Darat, Tawau

KELAS 1C (1988), KELAS 2C (1989), KELAS 3C (1990), KELAS 4A (1991), KELAS 5A (1992), KELAS 6A (1993).

S.M.K Kinabutan Tawau

KELAS 1N (1994), KELAS 2D (1995), KELAS 3D (1996), KELAS 4B (1997), KELAS 5B (1998).

S.M.K Tawau

KELAS 6 ASPIRASI (1999-2000)

Kepada guru2 dan rakan2 semoga berjaya dalam hidup. TQ to be part of my life experience. It's very memorable.

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>

By Milly on August 5, 2008 2:46 PM

Salam Tun...

I am Mr. Zain's grandchild (he has 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren now). It's wonderful to note that you wrote about him here. I can definitely say that he's very proud of you! I still remember the days when you were PM and we would go over to Sri Perdana for Sahoca's Hari Raya Open House. And yes, we grandkids also followed him to Sri Perdana for his 80th Birthday party there!

Grandpa is now 95 years old and living in Bangsar. Healthwise, he is doing fine for a 95 year old but is slowly losing his memory.

By abhsaa on August 5, 2008 2:46 PM

Just to share, me and three brothers were circumcised by Dr. Mahathir at MAHA Klinik, Lorong Star in

year 1973. If I'am not mistakenly Dr. Hasmah was together with Dr. Mahathir during the circumcision procedures. Occasionally after business hour he will come to Alor Setar Railway Station and collected his parcel (imported medicines) from the Station Master (my father la tu).

Tun, you are the GREATEST LEADER. The rest kirim salam.
By adilazami on August 5, 2008 2:49 PM

salam seme... apa guna kalu belajo tinggi kalu selalu tidur.. cm ne nak buat keputusan pun sendiri pun tak leh asyik duk tidur je.. Eh! org belajar tinggi ke??.. alah PAK BEDALAH tu lah...hehe
By shazrimAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:51 PM

salam ayahanda....
selamat menyambut ulang tahun perkahwinan ke-52 arini
semoga hubungan kekal ke akhir hayat, amiiiiin

Shazrim
UiTM Kedah
By leadingAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 2:51 PM

Tun,

Thank you for for bringing us down the memory lane.

You are making us recall, all the great things that you have done for the nation. We feel honored and proud to be a Malaysian.

And, you are also making us recall, that there has been very "little progress" for Malaysia and that a lot of people have been suffering, since 2004. For this, we are very sad.

<http://www.leading.com.my>
By azurajb on August 5, 2008 2:55 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Tulisan Tun memang nostalgik, teringat zaman sekolah dulu... Kena denda, kena rotan dan macam-macam lagi. Masa kena tu rasa marah juga, walaupun sedar sendiri yang buat salah. Tapi bila dikenang-kenang, ianya jadi lucu pulak. Ingat lagi, bila kena rotan balik bagi tau abah, abah tambah lagi sedas, lepas tu serik nak mengadu dah. Bila hari terbuka abah jumpa cikgu kelas, abah cakap kat cikgu, "kalau anak saya buat hal cikgu rotan je, buat je lah apa-apa yang patut, asal jangan sampai anak saya cacat sudah", abah kasi green light lagi. Dan kini saya dah mempunyai anak, dan ayat itulah yang saya gunakan di hadapan anak saya sewaktu hari terbuka ketika berjumpa guru kelasnya...

Nak sentuh sikit la tentang Sekoah Wawasan tu, satu je saya nak cakap... Camana nak berlakunya intergrasi nasional pada anak-anak murid, bila guru-guru sendiri bepuak-puak... Kat sini bila ada apa-apa function, Cikgu Cina berkumpul sesama Cikgu Cina, India dengan India dan Melayu dengan Melayu... So macamana nak ajar murid-murid supaya melaksanakan intergrasi nasional kalau Cikgu Cikgi dah tunjuk teladan yang sebegitu!!!
By reimy on August 5, 2008 2:59 PM

Salam,I read chedet.com everyday but this is my first time to leave comment in this blog. Maybe because Tun write about his schoolday memories.

Sewaktu saya sekolah dulu banyak kali dirotan oleh cikgu. Darjah satu pun dah kena rotan sebab bising dalam kelas.(yang rotan saya namanya Cikgu Hassan, mungkin masih mengajar sekarang). Bila beritahu emak saya dia hanya berkata 'padan muka' dan 'jangan buat bising dalam kelas lagi'.. Saya rasa mentaliti itu sudah tiada pada sesetengah ibu bapa sekarang kerana cepat melatah apabila anak-anak mereka

disentuh oleh guru. Pasti ada silap dan tujuan cikgu tersebut adalah untuk mengingatkan pelajar supaya lebih berdisiplin. Fikir-fikirkanlah..

By AZIF on August 5, 2008 3:01 PM

Tun,

Very Thoughtful and thanks, in requiring us to remember those days when we were in schools. Things were never the same then, and the facilities have improved tremendously. Salam Tun & Family take care may Allah blessed you with good health, strenght & more wisdom indeed.

By Pok LelahAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 3:03 PM

Dear Tun....zaman telah berubah dulu, kini dan selama2nya.Budak2 yg membesar di zaman Tun lebih lasak berbanding liat dgn budak2 di zaman sekarang.Otak & otot budak2 di zaman Tun sentiasa teransang & tumbesaran mereka seiring dengan persekitaran alam yg serba kekurangan.Mereka tidak kenal apa itu internet,wireless,handphone @ komputer.Daripada keperitan hidup inilah mereka kenal apa itu `survival'.Budak2 sekarang banyak yg terdedah dgn teknologi IT tidak banyak menggunakan otak & otot menyebabkan `body & soul' mereka pon liat.Pembelajaran metamatik&sains di dlm bahasa inggeris patut dikekalkan.Matapelajaran ini kritis & banyak menggunakan otak utk menyelami ayat & cara pengiraan sebaliknya bahasa malaysia tidak memerlukan otak utk menterjemahkan ayat jadi otak tidak pada tahap optimum.Masyarakat antarabangsa sekarang lebih merestui Malaysia dlm pembelajaran bahasa inggeris kerana industri mereka memerlukan bahasa inggeris secara praktikal.Mereka lebih menyanjungi kepetahan bercakap seseorang & komunikasi yg lancar di dalam bahasa inggeris.Sesungguhnya Malaysia tidak akan diperlekehkan oleh sektor pekerjaan antarabangsa di mana2 saja di dlm dunia sekiranya penggunaan bahasa inggeris walaupun tidak dimertabatkan sepenuhnya tetapi telah diberi keutamaan sekarang.Usaha Tun Mahathir sebelum ini adalah dihargai utk membuka mata & telinga masyarakat antarabangsa yg Malaysia sebenarnya tidak prejudis tentang penggunaan bahasa inggeris.....HIDUP TUN MAHATHIR

By lebaikudin on August 5, 2008 3:06 PM

Salam Tun & fellow bloggers.

Yes, the best memory lane to walk in our live is always schooling days/college years.Its sad to see 'the power that be' experimenting with our children's future...Its suppose to be fhe formation & foundation of strong character.Lets revamp:

- 1.All subject will be taught in English
- 2.Bring back the public caning
- 3.Parents should take full responsibility of children's behaviour,including legal action
- 4.Mandatory parenting courses-similar to PLKN
- 5.Only employ fully dedicated teachers-not TALC (teaching as last choice)
- 6.Include discipline's merit/de-merit system in certificate/diploma/degree as one of main criteria
- 7.Start year 1 at 6 yrs old
- 8Automatic acceptance in public higher learning institutions for whoever qualified,without looking at their back ground
- 9.Forget computers.Get back to basic.Read books
- 10.Incentive/reward for number of books read in a year-teachers included

These are among my humble 2 cent worth of opinion,as a father of 4 budding youngsters.Regimented & disciplined.

Wassalam

By DETFOREVER on August 5, 2008 3:06 PM

MOGA TUHAN PANJANGKAN UMUR TUN SUAMI ISTERI SERTA KELUARGA. KAMI SEKELUARGA LAMA JUGA TINGGAL DI KEDAH DAN SAYA BERSEKOLAH DI SULTANAH ASMA DAN SEORANG ABANG SAYA DI KOLEJ SULTAN ABDUL HAMID. HIDUP DI ALOR SETAR DI WAKTU ITU MEMANG INDAH DAN SERONOK SEKALI SEBAB DI ZAMAN PERSEKOLAHAN SAYA, MURID-MURID "ARE CLOSE" TO THEIR TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, BUKAN MACAM BUDAK-BUDAK SEKARANG.

BIAR APA PUN DIKATA ORANG, SAYA SUAMI ISTERI TETAP MENYOKONG TUN HINGGA AKHIR

HAYAT KAMI. DOA KAMI BUAT TUN SEKELUARGA.

By shah on August 5, 2008 3:08 PM

Salam Tun,

Masih segar di ingatan saya tentang komen sepupu saya berkenaan Tun. Semasa dia menuntut di United (yang tak berapa united) States untuk MBA beliau, salah satu topik yang dibincangkan adalah "Siapakah Pemimpi-Pemimpin Dunia Yang Sejati". Dan dia amat terkejut pensyarah di sana memberi 3 nama iaitu : 1. Pemimpin China (bukan yang sekarang ni), 2. Pemimpin Malaysia (Mahathir Mohamad) & 3. Pemimpin Singapura (Lee Kuan Yew).

Hanya sepupu saya seorang di dalam kelas itu anak Malaysia & terus bangun mengatakan beliau dari Malaysia. Dan terus terang Pensyarah yang berbagsa Mat Salleh tu terus mengatakan dia amat teruja dengan cara pemikiran Tun. Dia masih tertanya-tanya bagaimana Tun dapat mengilhamkan Wawasan 2020 ? yang sebelum ini, belum pernah ada pemimpin yang dapat keluaran wawasan itu ? Kenapa 2020 ? kenapa tidak 2015 or 2030 & mereka terus mengkaji.

Seperti Al-Quran & hadis-hadis. Kesimpulannya, kenapa Wawasan 2020 sering disebut oleh DSAAB tetapi tidak digunakan ?

Anyway, Tun kena keluaran buku Wawasan 2020 untuk kami sama-sama memahaminya.

InsyaAllah

By Lahm on August 5, 2008 3:19 PM

Dear Tun

please share some memories on what is the naughtiest thing you did in your past life

By leviathan80 on August 5, 2008 3:21 PM

SRK Sultan Ibrahim (2), Pasir Mas (1987-1992)

SMA Persekutuan, Labu (1992-1995)

SM Sultan Ibrahim (1), Pasir Mas (1996-1997)

By Dr ZhivagoAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 3:21 PM

Thank you to have transformed this nation, from the condition then and to a bustling high income developing nation now. All a product of your stable rule and clear visions.

And a very happy wedding anniversary to both of you.

By zaidi suhaimi gilongAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 3:35 PM

Salam Tun.

1. Perjalanan Tun menuju ke menara gading sangat menyentuh hati saya dan Tun telah berjaya melakukannya malah sudah pun terbukti. Terima kasih Tun.
2. Sepanjang tempoh kepimpinan Tun saya telah melalui pelbagai bentuk kehidupan sejak saya di bangku sekolah sehingga ke peringkat kolej di mana saya kali terakhir memperolehi Diploma.
3. Terpanggil saya untuk meluahkan isi hati saya yang mana kali terakhir saya terasa dekat dengan Tun adalah sebanyak 2 kali.
4. Pertama ketika Tun datang ke Daerah Ranau(1999)semasa berkempen untuk Tan Sri Bernard Dompok untuk parti UPKO. Saya masih ingat ketika itu Tun mengangkat tangan kanan ketika sedang menuju pulang ke airport pada waktu itu saya berada di depan Kedai Yung Seng, Ranau dan saya secara spontan mengangkat juga tangan kanan saya melambai kembali kepada Tun.

5. Sekarang sekitar kawasan antara kereta yang Tun naik dengan tempat saya berdiri sudah di bangunkan dengan Kompleks Membeli-belah Milimewa.
6. Kali kedua dan terakhir saya terasa dekat dengan Tun ialah apabila saya bersama rakan-rakan sekej IUCTT Bdr Sri D'sara KL ke Kongres Pendidikan Melayu(1-2 September 2001) bertempat di PWTC.
7. Pada ketika itu saya belum mempunyai ada-apa perancangan berkenaan masa depan saya kerana saya hanya fokus untuk menamatkan dahulu Diploma saya di Kolej IUCTT KL. Syukurlah saya berjaya menamatkannya.
8. Sekarang saya masih di Ranau, Sabah dan sedang mengusahakan kebun buah-buahan peninggalan arwah Bapa saya(Suhaimi Gilong).
9. Saya masih memasang impian untuk melanjutkan pelajaran saya ke peringkat Ijazah jika berpeluang dan mungkin melalui Pendidikan Jarak Jauh kerana saya masih terikat dengan kerja kebun yang saya terasa berat untuk tinggalkan.
10. Saya bersyukur walaupun masih berdepan dengan kesukaran dan kesulitan semasa akan tetapi saya akan cuba juga untuk menanganinya sebaik mungkin.
11. Di sini saya sekali lagi ingin berterima kasih kepada Tun kerana telah berjaya membuka minda kami dan saya dapat rumuskan bahawa hidup ini bergantung dengan pilihan yang kita buat dan tidak dilupakan kesungguhan serta keikhlasan 'take and give'.

Salam Tun. Stay healthy okay ^_~!
By akuyanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 3:39 PM

askum Tun..

sini sy nak recommend satu tempat belajar kat anak2 melayu kita untuk further study .. sape2 yg ada sanak saudara or dia sendiri yg nak sambung blajar sila visit at

<http://tpmcsfe.blogspot.com>

mara loan provided...

sama2 la kita mencari ilmu hingga ke akhir hayat..

BANGSA YANG MAJU ADALAH BANGSA YG BERILMU.

sorry Tun, promote skit..

g.luck tun..
By truthseeker on August 5, 2008 3:40 PM

Salam kepada YAB Tun dan rakan2 bloggers,

1. Tahniah kepada Tun di atas anugerah dari kolej...lagi 100 tahun baru ada yang lain? Jarang anak melayu di pilih macam ini, hihi...oh, anak melayu orang biasa pula tu, bukan anak raja.
2. Semasa saya kecil selalu juga dengar sekolah Iskandar, harini baru tahu sejarahnya.
3. Orang putih patut pun bagi bantuan kewangan (spt Tun kata affirmative action) kerana dulu mereka tidak kawal pendidikan anak2 kaum cina yang membawa masuk guru2 dari China dan anak2 kaum India yang membawa guru2 dari Ceylon dan India. Anak2 melayu hanya mahu dijadikan petani, nelayan,

pekebun yang lebih pandai dari ibu bapa mereka tetapi tidak ada plan untuk anak melayu melanjut ke peringkat IPT. Itu sebabnya latihan guru2 (untuk balik mengajar anak melayu) di Maktab Sultan Idris Tanjung Malim kerana tanahnya subur untuk kursus pertanian dan di Maktab Perguruan Melaka untuk menjadi suri rumah tangga yang pandai masak, menjahit, dll. Tun bernasib baik mempunyai arwah ayah yang mempunyai autoriti untuk sekolah inggeris. Itulah takdir tuhan untuk melahirkan seorang pemimpin yang agung seperti Tun. Kalau di sekolah kebangsaan melayu, Tun jadilah petani kot.

4. Saya berani membuat kesimpulan, jika seseorang itu menguasai bahasa Inggeris, maka tinggi kebarangkalian dia memahami bahan2 penulisan dalam bahasa Inggeris. Realitinya, banyak bahan yang bagus2, tidak kira dalam disiplin apa pun (mungkin kecuali agama) ditulis dalam bahasa inggeris. Saya terpancang buku2 yang Tun baca (melalui penulisan dalam blog oleh seorang blogger) dan saya boleh ruimuskan bahawa ini bacaan orang Islam...ingat ayat pertama yang malaikat suruh nabi baca? Maaf, bukan mahu kondem mereka yang dari aliran melayu atau yang tidak menguasai bahasa inggeris. Tapi anda pening banyak kan apabila mahu memahami bacaan/artikel bahasa inggeris semasa di IPT dulu, ingat tak? Mungkin ada banyak penulisan dalam bahasa arab, tapi kita tak pandai bahasa arab pula...ada penulisan yang diterjemahkan, dah tak senonoh pula. Kerana terjemahan dibuat oleh mereka yang faham bahasa inggeris tetapi bukan bahasa disiplin itu spt ekonomi, sains, kejuruteraan, dll. sepatutnya saintis menulis bahannya (spt dalam jurnal) dalam bahasa melayu bukannya guru bahasa inggeris menulis bahan sains.

5. Hasil dari banyak membaca dan pergaulan (menggunakan bahasa inggeris) dengan orang asing, Tun mendapat banyak maklumat. sekarang ini saya perhatikan terdapat pegawai tinggi kerajaan yang menyorok semasa dalam majlis bersama2 orang asing kerana takut 'broken english'. Jadi, apa info yang dia dapat? Begitu juga apabila Tun mahu anak malaysia, lebih2 lagi anak melayu menguasai bahasa inggeris, udah, ada yang kononnya mahu 'kedaulatan' bahasa melayu...kalau setakat berdaulat tetapi menjadi pengemis buat apa? Orang2 Indonesia yang ada di bumi kita saya perhatikan sangat patriotik, menyimpan pancasila, bendera Indonesia, tetapi terpaksa mengeneipkan maruah untuk sesuap nasi. Yang best tu, anak2 pejuang bahasa melayu ni hantar anak2 belajar ke luar negara pula...kalau semangat kuat, suruh mengaji di IPT tempatan sajalah. Tun sudah dapat ramal masa depan, kerana Tun mendapat soalan bocor dari pergaulannya, pembacaannya...tetapi malangnya kita masih mahu cara cuba jaya / trial and error. Kita ada banyak masa ke untuk trial and error? Lihat Spore, ia mahu menjadi hub bagi mereka yang bertutur bahasa mandarin, sistem pendidikannya sudah membuat saringan dari sekolah rendah lagi dan sudah tentulah anak2 melayu tidak terpilih dalam aliran yang advance/laju. Tambah pula si Dollah tidak ambil tahu langsung, tidak ingin mahu ambil tahu dan menyerah kepada nasib. Mak bapak yang kena uruskan anak2 mereka, tetapi Tun dulu tolong fikir bagi pihak mak bapak.

Sekian dulu, terima kasih kerana sudi berkongsi cerita peribadi Tun dengan kami, tetapi saya melihat ada banyak pengajaran bagi saya. Orang yang jujur, orang yang mantap / sihat dari segi psikologi tidak takut untuk mengaku bahawa rakan sekelas dari kaum cina dan india mendapat keputusan yang lebih baik dari Tun. Kebanyakan orang akan bercerita yang sebaliknya. Tapi sila rujuk para 3 (bagi rakan2 bloggers, Tun dah tahu) untuk faham kenapa cina dan india dapat keputusan lagi baik. Walaupun Tun dan rakan sekelasnya mempelajari yang sama dalam kelas, tetapi mereka ada kelebihan kerana suku sakat mereka (mak, bapak, pakcik, dll) mendapat guru2 dari negara asal.

By Cheers on August 5, 2008 3:43 PM

Dear Tun

I nice to read your strong & appreciation feeling..

Some people forget their roots or ignore their roots.

Hmmmm... regret. I never went back to my old school since I left them.

I really do wanted to go back someday, but it feel odd... I think I need to organise something.

BTW... I actually walk pass my old school every morning!!!

Ahhh I remember now, I did went back to my old primary school for our March 8 election. I also bump into lots of old school friends...

Hmm I still need to go back to my Secondary school someday.

Heh!!! we all voted accordingly.

Cheers Tun.

By leo7 on August 5, 2008 3:44 PM

Tun Mahathir,

Salam dengan penuh hormat,

Punulisan Tun kali ini seperti bayu yang sedikit pilu tetapi segar. Teringatkan kisah lama dan memikirkan, bolihkah ini berlaku jika itu tidak dilakukan dan adakah kudrat dan iradat yang menentukan segalanya.

Saya bersyukur kerana diberi satu kesempatan melalui kehidupan di dunia ini dan satu perjalanan panjang yang akan berakhir tepat pada masa yang telah di tentu.

Dangan masa yang beredar tidak berhenti, kita yang hidup ini akan menimba pengalaman dan ilmu samaada secara semulajadi atau yang di pelajari.

Saya teringat semasa kechil, Ibu saya yang bersungguh untuk menghantar saya bersekolah. Saya belajar menulis menggunakan kalam dan papan batu. Setiap hari kesekolah, di dalam bag bimit mengkuang, saya susun papan batu, beberapa bilah kalam dan satu botol kecil air daun bunga raya untuk membersihkan papan batu.

Saya berjalan kaki kesekolah, tidak berapa jauh lebih kurang 3km sahaja tetapi kampung saya berpagar dawai duri. Disebelah belakang kampung, dipagar olih orang putih kerana mengusahakan lombong bijih dan di hadapan pula di pagar olih orang putih juga kerana membesarkan penempatan kaum cina semasa darurat Kominis.

Untuk kesekolah saya terpaksa melalui sekatan dipintu pagar yang di kawal olih SC. Kadang kadang ada SC yang suka menyakat.

Saya juga di fahamkan dizaman itu ibu bapa tidak berapa suka menghantar anak anak ke sekolah teruatomanya anak perempuan mungkin di atas sebab keselamatan tetapi adajuga yang terpaksa menghantar anak anak kesekolah untuk mendapatkan tambahan qouta untuk membeli beras. Kalau tidak salah, setiap ahli keluarga yang mencapai umur persekolahan akan di tambah qoata satu cupak untuk satu bulan.

Satelah beberapa tahun di Sekolah Melayu, Negara pula mencapai Kemerdekaan, banyak Sekolah Rendah beraliran bahasa Inggeris di buka

dan saya telah mendapat tempat untuk masuk program "Special Malay Class" dan selanjutnya menamatkan persekolahan keparas tingkatan lima sahaja. Pada masa itu persaingan untuk mendapat tempat Pra Universiti di sekolah elite memang susah. Walau pun saya lulus ujian pepereksaan Pra Universiti tetapi tidak cukup baik untuk mendapat tempat di Sekolah ELite. Saya telah di tawarkan satu tempat di sabuah sekolah yang baru dibuka di Kelantan tetapi menolaknya kerana pada masa yang sama saya telah mendapat tawaran kerja dengan sabuah Jabatan Kerajaan.

Jika di dibandingkan pada zaman itu dan sekarang memang jauh bezanya. Sekarang Negara mempunyai berpuluh Universiti dan beribu anak anak Melayu di hantar belajar di Universiti luar Negara. Dulu saya boleh menolak peluang belajar kerana "pekerjaan" menunggu tetapi sekarang beribu siswazah pula yang "menunggu" untuk peluang bekerja.

Tun, saya rasa zaman kegemilangan Malaysia sebagai satu Negara Merdeka dan mencapai tahap tertinggi dalam tempoh pemerintahan Tun, kini akan sampai ka penghujung yang di ccepatkan oleh AAB . Saya tiada lagi dapat melihat semangat Nationalisme di kalangan Pemimpin yang ada sekarang. Tiada berwawasan, hanya mencari jalan pintas untuk memampirkan bahawa Malaysia masih lagi boleh dijadikan contoh . Contoh apa yang ada di Malaysia sekarang ini ?

1. Negara yang paling riah dengan Rasuah. Ya, rasuah yang dikutuai oleh AAB.
2. Perpaduan ? lihat sahaja parti pembangkang dan beberapa NGO's yang berusaha untuk memecah belahkan perpaduan bangsa di negara ini. DEB, Pemerintahan Melayu dan kedudukan Raja Raja dipersoalkan.
3. Adakah Malaysia boleh mempertahankan Competitiveness nya di rantau ini ? Berapa banayak pengusaha yang berhijirah kelain tempat dan siapakah mereka yang masuk melabor di Malaysia sekarang ?

Mungkin Singapura/US untuk tahun ini, tahun hadapan dan hingga tahun 2010 ?

4. Transperency ? ya, Kerajaan yang paling telus di dunia. Buka pintu depan, buka pintu belakang, menyongah sana menyogah sini. Tunjuk muka sana, tunjuk muka sini, tunjuk berapa mancong hidong AAB

lihatlah muka AAB dekat dekat, bekas lubang jerawat ala P.Ramlee pun banayak, saorang warak, ulamak ,kerja kuat hingga dimajlis kadang kadang boleh tertidor. Jarang sakit, kalau sakit kena pergi keluar negeri mendapatkan rawatan supaya rakyat tidak gusar di atas kesihatannya. Sebenarnya AAB kurang percaya kepada kemampuan Doktor Doktor tempatan atau mungkin menggunakan sepenuhnya Perks yang di peruntukan untuk PM.

5. Reputation ? Apakah yang tinggal pada nama Malaysia ?.... zero, kosong .Yang tinggal hanya nama Mahathir. Di Timor Tengah dan di negara negara ketiga nama Mahathir di sanjong tinggi. Di negara negara Barat nama Mahathir di segani dan di kalangan pemmimpin Barat nama Mahathir di kecham kerana kelantangan Mahathir melepasi batas yang menakukan mereka.

Saorang sahabat saya dari Palastin kini berada di Malaysia belajar dan bekerja sejak pertengahan tahun 90han mamaklumkan bahawa saorang pengkritik Politik di sebuah negara Timor Tengah telah menulis satu rencana dalam satu akbar harian di negaranya tentang AAB yang mengambil alih dari Tun Mahathir kepimpinan negara Islam Malaysia dan mempegerusikan OIC. Beliau telah menulis dengan begitu yakin bahawa AAB dengan keperbadian dan pengetahuan ugama Islam yang tinggi akan melonjakan Islam dan negara bersekutu dibawah IOC katahah yang lebih tinggi dari apa yang telah di capai oleh Tun Mahathir sebelumnya. Tetapi belumpun tamat tempuh 2 tahun satelah rencana itu di siarkan, penulis rencana tersebut terpaksa mengambil satu muka surat penuh di dalam beberapa penerbitan Akbar untuk meminta maaf kepada rakyat di beberapa negara Timor Tengah kerana telah menyalah anggap di atas kemampuan AAB.

Jika saorang asing dan saorang pengkritik luar negara sanggup membuat tuntutan maaf secara terbuka kerana tersalah nilai terhadap kemampuan ABB, maka kita yang menyagkal penilaian yang rendah ini terhadap ketua Negara kita dan tidak mahu membuka mata untuk melihat dan memasang telinga untuk mendenar, membuka mulut untuk bersuara, saya tadak tahu apalagi yang boleh di harapkan, hanya menanti keruntuhan orang Melayu. Lim Klt Siang/ Lim Jr, Karpal Singh/Krpal Jr and Jr, Annuar Ibrahim/&keluarga akan bersorak(Annuar Ibrahim ni, orang Melayu ka?)

Jika UMNO tersungkur dalam Pilihan Raya yang akan datang dan Annuar Ibrahim jadi PM saya meramalkan PM/ Menteri Kewangan Pertama, Annuar Ibrahim . Menteri Kewangan ke-2, Wan Azizah (di lantik) Menteri Kwangan ke-3 (di lantik) KLC. Lain Kementrian yang penting seperti DPM/International Trade/Health/ Transport - wakil DAP. Education/Resources/Communication/Home - wakil PKR .PAS akan di beri Kementerian Sukan/ Tourism/Housing& Local Goventment.

Dalam pembentukan Kerajaan dibawah Pakayan Rakyat, Malaysia Raya akan digantikan dengan Gagasan Singapura Raya dan dimana negeri negeri di Tanah Melayu, Serawak dan sabah akan menjadi ahli gagasan ini. Philipina, Thailand dan Brunei mungkin akan turut dalam gagasan ini. Lain Negara anggota Asean seperti Indonesia, Vietnam ,Cambodia dan Burma mungkin susah sedikit kerana semangat kenegaraan mereka lebih tinggi dan mereka akan di jadikan sasaran peringkat kedua. Ketua gagasan ini

adalah perwakilan Amerika dan berpangkalan di Singapura.

Maaf, saya mereka reka perkara ini kerana memikirkan kelonggaran kerajaan Malaysia akan memberi ruang keutuhan kerajaan Singapura. Jika Malaysia sudah lupa kepada wawasannya, bukankah ini satu kesempatan bagi Singapura (Proxy America dan Israel) untuk mengambil alih kuasa serantau untuk menjamin masa depan Negara itu sendiri.

Pulau Batu Putih adalah petanda awal dan tiada suara samaada Kerajaan atau NGOs yang sering lantang mempertahankan kedaulatan Negara menyangkal keputusan itu hanya suara Mathias Chang yang telah memberi pandangannya. Sekurang kurangnya kita bolih lihat kecenderongan ICJ membuat keputusan berpihak kepada Singapura. Kita juga dapat berita bahawa America kini sedang berasmara dengan kerabat di Raja kesutanan Sulu untuk menuntut Sabah. Walhal ICJ baru sahaja membuat satu keputusan menyerah Pulau Batu Putih kepada Singapura tanpa melihat sebelah mata di atas hak Kesultanan Negeri Johore yang masih memerintah. Terasa sangat Melayu di perbodohkan kerana kepimpinan Melayu sekarang adalah sama boboh kerana takut menyakitkan hati orang lain kita serah apa yang di tuntutan supaya orang akan memuji kita orang melayu baik hati, penyabar, suka menolong orang. Jika ada sepingan nasi untuk anak yang belum pulang sambil datang seorang hamba Allah meminta secubit nasi kerana tidak makan seharian, kita sanggup menyara hamba Allah tersebut kerana pahalanya lebih besar. Untuk anak kita yang belum pulang, biarlah kita berserah sahaja kepada Allah kerana rezeki berada di mana2.

Allahu Akbar.

By nuriman on August 5, 2008 3:50 PM

Salam

The level of education is said to have improved over the years, a statement which can be agreed and disagreed upon. No doubt students now learn things that we've never learnt before but the sad thing to note is that the level of discipline of our students are degrading. Isn't discipline part of what is being taught in schools. What good is knowledge if not practised in the right way? Knowledge in good hands can turn to gold but knowledge in the wrong hands can demolish the world.

Thus it is not surprising to note that the new generation do not have high respect for their teachers and schools. Sad, isn't it?

Science is organized knowledge; wisdom is organized life.

By wmunawir on August 5, 2008 3:54 PM

dear tun

ksah and maktab mahmud (alor setar) share the same great memories.. if ksah produced a lot of technorate n leader, maktab mahmud produced a lot of ulama' too.. may we all been blessed by Allah s.w.t..

regards

munawir

"maahadian"

By fulus on August 5, 2008 4:08 PM

Salam Tun

Orang yang bijak tentu menjadi rujukan orang lain. Tetapi orang yang bodoh sentiasa menjadi mainan orang lain. Semoga Tun sihat selalu. Apa saja yang Tun lakukan saya dan keluarga sentiasa mendoakan yang terbaik buat Tu.

By anakmalaysia on August 5, 2008 4:09 PM

Congrat to you ayahanda Tun kerana penganugerahan tersebut. Amat menyanjungi ayahanda Tun walaupun semasa ayahanda Tun memerintah macam-macam tohmahan yang dilemparkan terhadap

ayahanda Tun. Mungkin sekarang, di bawah kepimpinan yang ada sekarang, tohmahan yang telah dilemparkan oleh mereka-mereka yang hendak menjatuhkan ayahanda Tun telah dimakbulkan tuhan. Sekarang Rakyat Malaysia terpaksa menanggungnya.
By jadi on August 5, 2008 4:16 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya Form Six kat KSAH tahun 1981-1982. Walaupun sekejap tapi rasa amat berbangga kerana KSAH melahirkan 2 Perdana Menteri Malaysia. Rasa rasanya Negara Malaysia ni sesuai sekiranya orang Kedah yang jadi Perdana Menteri.
By ingeineur on August 5, 2008 4:18 PM

Speaking about memories, I still remember that you(Tun Dr. M) were looking straight at my face when i offered to shake your hand. I felt honoured and I still am till today. Many Thanks.
By panca on August 5, 2008 4:19 PM

Salam buat Tun,
Banyak juga memories kat KSAH.
Sempat bersalam ngan Tun kat Masjid Zahir ..
Teringin nak peluk Tun sambil bergenang airmata memikirkan segala jasa Tun selama ini.
Salute.
By Khairil on August 5, 2008 4:20 PM

Melayu mundur kerana tidak mahu menerima perubahan.
Melayu ketinggalan kerana tidak mahu melangkah ke hadapan.
Itulah yang sedang terjadi pada kaum Melayu di negara kita.
Hanya kerana perubahan sistem pengajaran Matematik & Sains ke Bahasa Inggeris, Melayu yang paling ramai mengeluh.
Tanpa mereka sedari, jika itu dikuasai, kita pasti jadi yang terbaik di mata dunia.

Hidup Tun!!
By hanif on August 5, 2008 4:23 PM

Assalamualikum Tun,
semoga Tun dan keluarga tercinta berada dalam keadaan sihat sejahtera.
To be honest, this is my first visit to your blog, and i was suprised with your wonderful writing and precious comment.

Anyway, Tahniah buat Tun di atas penganugerahan daripada SAHC, You deserved it Tun.

Few weeks ago, saya ada terbaca buku Tun, Bertajuk MAHATHIR SELECTED LETTER TO THE WORLD LEADER. Its a amazing book (sesiapa yang belum lagi membacanya, please get it from the nearby bookstores- got it from MPH)
Bila Tun nak menulis pasal kisah hidup Tun? I'm sure there is many people out there who really wanna know more about you Tun.

we all love you Tun...

HaniMikail
By Abd Rahim on August 5, 2008 4:36 PM

Salam YABhg Tun.

Agak lama juga tak bagi ulasan, sebab kepuasan membaca artikal Tun. Anyway saja lah nak kongsi bersama lawak ni :-

A little boy wanted RM100 badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write GOD a letter requesting the RM100. When the Pos Malaysia received the letter addressed to GOD, they decided to send it to the Prime Minister. The PM was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a RM5.00 bill.

PM thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy was delighted with the RM5.00 and sat down to write a thank you note to GOD, which read:

Dear GOD,
Thank you very much for sending the money, however, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through PutraJaya and, as usual, those bastards on the fourth floor deducted RM95.00

salam , insyallah
By sabahan on August 5, 2008 4:41 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya pun teringat my old school.
By ABI on August 5, 2008 4:41 PM

Hello Tun M:

I had a nice feeling reading about your alma matter and about your father's contribution and experiences. Excellent piece of writing. You should write more about such things than adopting a "vituperative rhetoric" and lambasting all those leaders you despise. Recently I went to Keluang, Johor, to see my old school and went down memory lane, reminiscing the good old days, thinking about my classmates, teachers and the office staff who had made an indelible impress on me. Human beings are by nature become emotional, pensive and feel great when seeing their old school, old teachers and classmates. We should visit more of the places that we had known well and spent happy times in our younger days and which could evoke nostalgic feelings and emotions in us - schools, places of worship, houses, towns, kampungs, hospitals, Dewan Orang Ramai, parks, recreation centres, sports complexes and other places.

Good show Tun. I enjoyed reading your account of your old school. Let's have more of such accounts/reports.

ABI
Your staunch critic
By GiaAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 4:44 PM

Though you are speaking about your past....it sounds refreshing in a way...you know what? love you soo much infact too much! stay healty...you must write a whole lot more...PEACE!
By sitinur on August 5, 2008 4:48 PM

Asalamualaikum bapak...

setuju dgn pendapat bujang....hehehehee...zaman persekolahan mmg paling seronok....demam pun nak p sek...kena denda ngan cikgu tak berani gitau arwah bapak sbb nanti arwah bapak bg nasik tambah... tapi sayang sek kg..cikgu basa omputih ceq tak ckp omputih ajar english ckp melayu....heheheheeeee...tp kawan ceq walo london(landen sebutan)kwn ceq ttp kata london tp dia sampai gak belaja kat us...heheheeeee....aper2 pun timakasih bebanyak bapak...muaga Allah sentiasa memberkati n merahmati bapak mami hasmah n seme2 kuarga bapak...go...rock'in...

By Dman on August 5, 2008 4:48 PM

Salam Tun.

The best years in my life was at Maktab Abu Bakar in Johor Bahru. My elder brother and uncle attended

the same school but it was then known as English College. I can still recall the colonial architecture of the main building with the fan palm grown at the porch. Only recently we found the album with the faded old black and white class of '58 photographs with the "mat saleh masters" in their suits sitting in the front row. It was Pak Cu Ahmad's final year in the school. He went on to work at LLN(now Tenaga Nasional)till he retired. One of the school books that he passed on to my brother and later me, was Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. It was a great adventure book and in the days when there was no internet, good books and football are the simple joys in life.
By fawz on August 5, 2008 4:49 PM

Dear Tun,
Assalamualaikum,
A sweet and touching story.
Take care,
Wassalam.
By dospenang on August 5, 2008 4:50 PM

SALAM TUN,

Mengenang kembali memoir zaman persekolahan menzahirkan manusia menghargai setiap detik dan setiap titis peluh ditumpahkan demi menambat ilmu di lapangan dada.

TIADA MEMOIR TIADA KENANGAN
TIADA SEJARAH TIADA PEDOMAN
TIADA ILMU TIADA PENGETAHUAN

LAWAN ANWAR

Sedang TUN sekarang ini tiada dalam mana-mana parti, apa kata TUN bertanding lawan ANWAR IBRAHIM dekat PERMATANG PAUH atas tiket BEBAS....

Saya nak tengok juga reaksi Anwar bila TUN buat kenyataan nak bertanding parlimen tu. Kalau acah pun jadilah....

Mesti gabra punya....

Saya rasa kalau TUN bertanding baik untuk TUN kerana TUN mungkin boleh masuk PARLIMEN hentam KABINET dan PAK LAH CUKUP22222.

"SAYA MOHON TUN BINCANGKAN CALON2 PENGGANTI YANG ADA DAN UMNO EGM AKAN DATANG."

APA-APA PUN TERUSKAN MENGUNDI MENDESAK PAK LAH SUPAYA MELETAK JAWATAN:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/PakLah/>

VOTE SEGERA DEMI MALAYSIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASALAM
By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 4:51 PM

Thank you for sharing your schooldays with us in this blog, Tun!!!
By qhalAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 4:57 PM

Salam,
Semoga Allah memberkati hidup Tun dan Keluarga selalu...

walaupun saya adalah golongan muda yang hanya mengecapi nikmat berada di bawah kepimpinan Tun selama 15 tahun sahaja.tapi,saya bersyukur Tuhan mengurniakan saya seorang pemimpin yang baik dan bagus. Saya tak sabar nak belajar pasal sejarah hidup Tun dalam subjek Premiership (subjek dalam kos Bachelor of Administrative yang saya ambil). Saya harap jika ada kesempatan,bolehlah Tun beri sebarang tips untuk menjadi pemimpin dan ahli politik yang bagus. Sebab itu adalah impian saya.

"MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU"

By qhalAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 4:59 PM

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"MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU"

By MamatOversea on August 5, 2008 5:05 PM

Ayahnda Tun...Salam

Sekolah saya pun sudah celebrate 100yrs di IPoh..kini tinggal kenangan sahaja , 35 tahun dahulu..memang nostalgia dengan sekolah itu...Terkenang hisab rokok bawah pokok...hehehee
By sultanhouse on August 5, 2008 5:06 PM

Tun, how is that you gave the Iskandar silver medal to the best Form Five student-did you too inadvertently forget that Iskandar was your grandfather's name and not your father's. Or did that thinking only got corrected when you became PM.

By sjabbar on August 5, 2008 5:06 PM

Tun, to see you receive the Collegian of the century, to hear your off-the-cuff 100 years Banquet speech on those who walked the college's corridor to be leaders in various fields, in the government and private sectors and now your blog on memories of your alma mater makes us ex-collegians proud and motivates students to carry on with the tradition of producing great leaders.

We wonder how you keep yourself fit and sharp as usual - at times witty, after a tiring journey to Europe soon after the Kedah Sultan's golden jubilee function and back to Alor Star within a space of a few days. Macam orang muda la!

Tun, you are our hero and we pray that you be in good health to continue to contribute your thoughts, ideas and comments for the good of the nation.

We ex-collegians, young and old from all parts of the country and overseas turned up in full force in Alor Star to share our joy with you Tun and our classmates on this once a lifetime event. Thank you Tun for your commitment and support to our alma mater and SAHOCA. Once a Collegian always a Collegian! - S Jabbar

By Dexter10 on August 5, 2008 5:11 PM

nama saya Kuan.

Tun, my malay is limited but I am learning. I currently reside in Australia but am always interested in Malaysia's well being. The propoganda suggested by the police etc. are quite hideous. This entry is quite sweet and warm, especially the last comment about being grateful for being provided an education

By Sermenters on August 5, 2008 5:20 PM

Dear Tun

I almost lost all the old school-day in mind guess the cycle lifestyle have taking all the hour & day, and now it seem forgotten what have happen day before here that being so meaningful to what we are now. From your column, i wake up & so grateful that we been lead what is the words & maths is all about to make life to go on. Thats for me but i forgot what is for them by now?

I bow with my respect to all teacher always peace and good health. And to you TUN... "THANK YOU".
By SP on August 5, 2008 5:22 PM

Tahniah Tun.

Setiap kali melangkah balik ke Kolej, tetap akan teringat zaman persekolahan. Saya bawa anak yang berumur 11 tahun hari Tun dapat anugerah - tunjukkan dia hostel, kelas dan tempat bermain.

Kepada janjan:
Itu tahun 70an.. tahun 80an kami dah kawan dah dengan budak convent!

Salam Tun dan keluarga.
By YunosAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 5:27 PM

My Dear Tun,
These people are just selfish. Your excellent talents and vision should be fully utilised. The present leaders should always seek your guidance since you are still around. What a waste. Cannot produce but SOMBONG. What to do.
You still the best let's admit.
Yunos
By sjankanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 5:30 PM

Wow Tun, Kalaulah cikgu-cikgu masa itu masih hidup mesti depa menyesal didik Tun yang hancurkan sebuah negara merdeka. Dahlah hutang banyak sebelun tinggalkan pada my love Pak Lah.

Kemudian hancurkan sistem kehakiman Negara.

Kemudian tak banteras rasuah....

Kemudian matikan demokrasi terus menyubur di Bumi Merdeka

What a Shame and terrible achivement from that school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Harap-harap sekolah ini jadikan TUn sebagai titik hitam dalam sejarahnya

www.chedet-unlimited.blogspot.com
By YunosAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 5:39 PM

Dear Tun,
You are just fantastic, reading your article really refreshes me. I miss all your speeches now. What to do it is all block now by the so call great leaders. They will surely regret of what they are done/doing.
Best Regards.
Yunos
By hanif on August 5, 2008 5:44 PM

Salam buat Tun and to all readers,

for your information!

book on Tun biography will be out soon!
title: Mahathir Mohamad an Illustrated biography
by: E.yu
price: 15.90

had a friend worked in MPH, he told me about it, the cover look so cute...
get a copy of this book and give to your kids let them know who is our prime minister....forever and ever...the one and the only TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad..

* baru tadi saya comment, Bila nak buat buku tentang Tun....top top...dah nak ada dah kat pasaran.

Tun, what you think about this book?

pas nie leh la kita suruh e.yu buat buku pasal pak lah...mesti senang nak lukis gambaq orang tidoq!!

Hidup Tun.

By Suqizam 'EsQ' Ibrahim on August 5, 2008 5:47 PM

Dear Lanomeila,
By Lanomeila on August 5, 2008 7:39 AM

I AM SHARING UR SENTIMENT....

Dear Tun, thanks for bringing us down the memory lane. I was your opposite - COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY TO START!

Dear Beloved Tun & Tun

Syok la baca cerita tun ni....Tun kalau tulis apa ka...cakap ka...speech ka...memang syok and goes deep into our heart....

Bila Tun punya Memoir nak leluaq....tak sabaq nak beli, baca & get ur autograph.....

Tun relax sat pikiag pasai Masalah M'sia(pasai Tun bagi nasihat pun bukan depa nak dengaq...depa buka ada akai) Tun concentrate la on ur memoir.....please.....

I believe that would be my whole life reference.

All The Best...We love you...

Suqizam Ibrahim
Rosezayu Rashid
Ezzati Puteri
Adam Esqandar
Rizq Esqandar.....Putra Heights....
By Saleh on August 5, 2008 5:49 PM

School is no longer like it use to be. Every parent these days sends their children for tuition. Nowadays, our work force (after SPM) lacks quality, dedication, expecting good salary despite poor productivity. Why? among other factors I blame the education system - dominance by 'female' teachers: Lacklustre on discipline, no interesting school activities and mediocre commitments for the teaching profession. During my time at King Edward VII and RMC, my teachers were mostly male, had memorable moments there. What a fine gentlement I am now.

I get worried at the development of our children these days especially as seen around town. Hanging out at Cyber Cafe, shopping complex etc. In fact our local movie like Sembilu and few alike were successful in cultivating renewed culture among our children especially after their PMR. It further worsen making them ungrateful citizens, anti establishment, no one is right especially the authorities

Look at the Indonesian, though they are here but they hold on to the 'pancasila', see also the Thais & Singaporeans. I hope for the best.

By Suqizam 'EsQ' Ibrahim on August 5, 2008 5:58 PM

ABD RAHIM.....

Cerita hang memmang lawak siut....Tun baik2 sikit, jangan gelak kuat sangat...

Sekali sekala ada kutu bagi cerita lawak camni kat blog tun ni best gak....

Waiting for ur next joke.....En. Abd Rahim.

Suqizam Ibrahim

Putra Height.

By mrtalang on August 5, 2008 6:03 PM

Tun,
tahniah.

Kisah saya di sekolah agak berbeza kerana kami walaupun di sekolah yang dikendalikan oleh Gereja atau hak milik gereja masa 15 tahun yang lalu sudah berubah.

Namun sentimental value yang ada yang masih didalam diri ini kuat lagi malah saya beruntung kerana pengalaman bertutur dalam bahasa Ingeris di sekolah membentuk keyakinan.

Walaupun bahasa Inggeris saya tidak sangat bagus, tapi saya rasa ianya banyak dibantu ketika disekolah. Malangnya kini bahasa Inggeris kurang digunakan oleh bangsa melayu. Saya berbahasa inggeris tetapi tidak pula rasa kurang melayu dari mereka.

Tetapi kita perlu ada kelebihan yang sama dengan bangsa lain. Bangsa-bangsa lain gagal untuk mengikut ape yang dirancang terdahulu iaitu penggunaan Bahasa Melayu dikalangan rakyat..

Sepatutnya siapa yang tidak mahir berbahasa melayu dikira ketinggalan. Tetapi dimana silapnya siapa pula yang tidak berbahasa Inggeris dianggap ketinggalan. Maka orang melayu kian tertinggal kerana bangsa lain menganggap bahasa Inggeris pula sebagai bahasa utama.

Saya sedih bilamana kita menggalakan bahasa inggeris, kita dikatakan membunuh melayu atau semangat melayu.

Tetapi bilamana kita diketepikan kerana tidak mahir berbahasa Inggeris, mereka juga marah dikatakan dipinggirkan.

Kenapa orang Cina dan India masih fasih berbahasa ibunda mereka dan pada masa yang sama mahir pula berbahasa Inggeris. Kita pula hanya bertongkatkan bahasa melayu satu-satunya.

Kita perlu menganggap mahir berbahasa Inggeris dan kekal berbahasa melayu satu kelebihan yang menguntungkan bangsa kita sendiri.

Jika anda majikan, siapa yang anda pilih...

By samuraimelayu on August 5, 2008 6:13 PM

Salam Kasih kami AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN DR. MAHATHIR,
Salam Kasih kami BONDA RAKYAT TUN DR. SITI HASMAH,
'52 years of Love and Care as the Grand Couple of all times and many more beautiful years to come'
Ayahanda Tun,
Congrats, to the centenary celebration of your alma mater.
Must have been nostalgic walking down the corridors.
We were a prefect and the first recipient of the Sportsman of the Year Award of our school. We would have achieved the Best Student Award too had we attained atleast A1 in one the subjects unfortunately it was not to be.
One incident in school that we as a prefect wud not forget.
One day as a prefect on duty at the gate entrance, one junior student was late and upon seeing us, he began to cry. We asked why and he replied ' Don't want to attend your DC Class coz its torture to run 3 rounds around the school field in the hot sun.
You see sir, we do not believe in asking the DC class to write notes but rather together with the 'detainees' run the 400meters track 3 times for positive results. They could not complained cos the prefect 'punished' himself too

The morale of the story. like Ayahanda Tun who had 'punished' himself for 22 years for the sake of the rakyat and nation and to realise his dream of a developed nation by 2020. That's why the Rakyat had little to complain and had enjoyed a positive life during his era. Feeling nostalgia, dreaming of those happy days!

Now we are having 'stoneheaded' nightmares thinking of the the miserable days ahead!

THOSE HAPPY DAYS... UHHH

Alfatihah, Amin

By dayanganita on August 5, 2008 6:21 PM

Dear Tun,

Although you are no longer in UMNO and in major disagreement with Pak Lah, Will you consider helping BN to win Permatang Pauh please? I cannot stand Anwar and I cannot stand if PKR wins. Will you help?
By jalurgemilang57Author Profile Page on August 5, 2008 6:27 PM

something important to say.
almost very near to what i was looking for.black sheep among us.moving like us, with us along us.have to be very careful.messages have approach of this matter.must attend to it carefully.the other side doesnt know of my knowledge but all the time my thought have been cautious of any existence.person has authority in public matters.
many events have collaboration.kidnapping,robbery,chain network of activity.advice on plotical ploy and tactics of movement.which dept is good in tactics.focus on that.involvement with foreigners.smart and intelliggent.sometime makes sacrifice to close loop.most of the time with us but sometimes....
in actual with who?
one of the strenght for opposition.many sabotaj work going on.conspiracy and planning.not in my mind but in reality does exist.
pluck them out of the whole scene.not suppose to be in among us.read today news in utusan malaysia.the news mentions of dishonesty.please understand my message.will lead the way to further depth.

ba ba black sheep have you any wool.
ys sir yes sir three bag full.
one for master and one for the wolf
one for a little boy who lives down the lane.

this is a good song that i learned in school when i was a small boy.
in school i always mix around with those who has negaive intentions so that i can learn about them.i dont waste time with those who are good.they are good already good already.what there to larn about them.
the most dangerous students are this ones.
i am also feeling very bad lately that some policemen are injurd and dead during on job.everyone must pray hard so the good ones never have sickness.
crab usually never changes the way it walks.when it stand still only it will seem to be perfect.in beahes we will find many holes where these crabs live in.hey are goos in appearing and disappearing.man are also like that.the darker side of them is stronger than the bright on.lust and greed always never fail to conquer man.

twinkle twinkle little star
how i wonder what you are
up above the world so high
like a diamond in the sky.

school childrens wear uniform when they sing this song.i mis my childhood also.sweet memories.

my father was also a goverment servant.he was a policeman for 32 years and died a poor man.the only wealth he had was a an old motobike and a housing debt unsettled till his death.

i am always being watched.i dont mind.my house,my car and everything around me.so when someone takes my things who do you think have taken it.many think i am stupid.i my self also think that way.maybe i am.

sometimes what we see lokks so perfect and beautiful with many efforts.least will we expect that inbetween there always a lying small snake on a coin.
By akuyanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 6:39 PM

askum Tun..

sini sy nak recommend satu tempat belajar kat anak2 melayu kita untuk further study .. sape2 yg ada sanak saudara or dia sendiri yg nak sambung blajar sila visit at

<http://tpmcsfe.blogspot.com>

mara loan provided...

sama2 la kita mencari ilmu hingga ke akhir hayat..

BANGSA YANG MAJU ADALAH BANGSA YG BERILMU.

sorry Tun, promote skit..

g.luck tun..
By azudinfuad on August 5, 2008 6:53 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,
The memories of most ex-collegians of the Sultan Abdul Hamid College will always be of the two great Prime Ministers of Malaysia, Almarhum Tunku and yourself.
But for most of us,SAHOCAns, your presence at any of the college related activities is an occasion that we look forward to, especially your off the cuff speeches, such so that your speech always outshine the artist or performers for the night.
Part of the college 100 years memories is your goodself.

By ksah class88 on August 5, 2008 7:02 PM

Tun,

Darjah 1 sampai 6, saya kat Sekolah Iskandar. Guru besar, Mr Ghulam Rasool. To Cikgu Ismail, still minat kat Maria Arshad lagi ka..?

Tingkatan 1 sampai 5 kat KSAH, pengetua Pak Kassim. Best giler, selalu balik awal pasal selalu menang bolasepak, ragbi, lumba perahu (especially ngan maktab mahmud), olahraga ka.

Saya gak mcm saudara MK, semuanya mcm Che Det tapi apakan daya..there's only one TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.

Tun, You'll Never Walk Alone

KSAH my alma mater

By mega on August 5, 2008 7:10 PM

Tun if we were to compare the standard and level of education during our time, its great different now a days. Im also a Senior Cambridge Certificate holder in the 60's, but due to poverty I am unable to proceed to higher learning.

In this world there are many borned unlucky, even Im one of them but I never feel regreted. Without the degree from university I managed to climb from scrap to become quiet respected in society and successful in my career. Its all depend on our committment and able to adapt to the environment where we are, and never ever feel inferiority to others. Always remember the most important thing never forget our creator ALLAH swt and our NAWAITU must alway be clean and clear.

TUN, saya sentiasa doakan TUN dirahmati ALLAH swt, disamping itu mendoakan ALLAH memberi petunjuk kpd PAK LAH agar mengundurkan diri dengan terhormat. Tidak ketinggalan mendoakan agar DSAI tidak bermain sendiwara demi sendiwara yang boleh menghancurkan Msia keseluruhannya.

Take care TUN, WE LOVE U SO MUCH.

By SHAZAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 7:17 PM

Salam Yg Bhg Tun,

Reading this article gives me that foolish grin on my face. Its nice to know how you've enjoyed your schooling time and how you looked forward for the term break to end.

Unlike me, i hated my schooling days so much so that until now i sympathise with school goers. Lucky that i learnt to enjoy the college time, a bit.

Perhaps early cultivation in one's life must have started from primary itself; ie the school and teachers including the peers.

Being brought up and schooling in Petaling Jaya where majority of my peers are of different race and some came from well to do background, i was however always being cornered with loads of emotional disposition, particularly low self-esteem.

The school and teachers direct and indirectly had thought me the meaning of racial competitions, striving for betterment and keeping up with things surrounding me.

Coming from a single breadwinner family with seven siblings i had to go thru a 'quiet battle' but those are the experiences that thought me most in life; and make me what i am today, nothing great but a better person.

My hopes are for teachers to teach without racial sentiment and mental attitude towards social status.

By Halem Hamed on August 5, 2008 7:29 PM

YBahgia Tun - sehat-sehat hendaknya.

Fronting College, there is Lorong Merpati, which is where St Michael School is situated.

There is also a Kelab Kerajaan fronting College, where they always use it to play Mahjong inside, day in and day out. The Club house is still there today and hopefully the Mahjong group of people is no longer there anymore and the Club House is put into proper use.

Adjecant to it, there use to be a nice Ice kacang stall and a row of other Kedai Mamak, which is no longer there.

Let me see what else is there. Lorong Tanjung Bendahara. Kubur belakang Sekolah Iskandar. (I have been wondering why the Iskandar name for the past 50 years.. A bit of history lesson to me.)

One of the commenter said that Collegian always pair up with Asma School in all evens, be it debating, ghatering, prefects day and so fort.

He forget to mention that Convent School always pair up with St Michael School.

"Janjan" and "SP", during that time we were all showing off our strength. Masa 60an dan 70an, rambut remueh tinggi macam rambut P. Ramlee. Mana sapa boleh chelen. Laa ni semua dah botak dan perut bunchit. Joginder Singh Jersey (tuliskan buku Tawarikh) ada lagi ka masa tu..?

St Michael School had its last English Headmaster by the name of late Mr Westwood. He was ever so kind to me. God bless him.

Government English School (GES) was situated in the middle of Alor Setar town !!. Wonder where it was.

Now what else is nearby..Pharmacy Lim (?) and Bangunan Ukir, which are both situated along Jalan Tengku Ibrahim.

Fr Halem Hamed

ps. Must go back to Aloq Setaq soon to have a chit chat with Pak Mid Bunga Tanjung. And say hai and hello to Tongkang Yard and Seberang Perak geng.

By ANWARISFREEMASON on August 5, 2008 7:51 PM

OMG that is sooo sweet...MR ZAIN would be very proud and happy that u have named him in your blog...

By xplora on August 5, 2008 7:57 PM

Dear Tun,

Hope you had good holiday in Croatia.

Why don't you donate money to your old school or do some charity? It appears that our Bodohwi always appear in our advertisement board to show how many charity and donations he done to our country.

Should you feel regret now :)

Missed you always, Tun.

By jaybone on August 5, 2008 8:06 PM

Tun;

With all the good old days gone by we knew that old memories will never fades and be stored deeply in our hearts. If we could just turn back time to those days....wouldn't it be nice?...

So sweet Tun, your memory was so very good even as good the INTEL CORE 2 Duo CPU with 8 Gb RAM or maybe 10Gb... I was wondering what makes you and your thinking even younger and still sharply intelligent even at this age?...Teach us Tun...Tell us on how to be like you...
By dragonfly88 on August 5, 2008 8:13 PM

Dearest Tun,

A really warm feeling reading through your article today. An article away from those smelly fishy politics. It is enjoying, nostalgic experience.

All Malaysians now busy with those politic series, parents busy debating either in the coffee stall, or restaurant. Politicians now busy with their own "career". They are no more busy with us, they disappear from the town, they are no more "inspecting" the drain, they are no more visiting the kampung. Some even wanted to impress us by cycling into the kampung, at least the cameraman got the best shot. He would be on the news.

They are busy talking about Anwar. He is a threat. A threat to UMNO. But he was not, when you were with UMNO.

A friend of mine asked me, who would call when a house caught fire ? Yes, BOMBA.

I ask, who would call when UMNO caught fire ? Answer me.
By zali lampai on August 5, 2008 8:16 PM

MARI SEMUA KITA LAUNGGAN BERSAMA-SAMA

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<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/2008/08/kenapa-nak-terbalikkan-bendera.html>
By Ahmad Sayuthi Yusoff on August 5, 2008 8:28 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun Mahathir,

This is my very first time writing to you, although I had written about you quite a number of times. This came about in the course of my work, and especially more so in the course of my ideals of a few years ago. Admittedly, they were rather on the `harsh side' ... but let's forget about these, for I'm writing now for a very different reason. And it's a "different environment" now too.

There are so many comments here, which is only to be expected in a blog by someone of your stature ... I can only hope that you might, somehow, read this...

Now that would indeed make my day - I can then boast to others here (where I live) that "Dr. Mahathir sdiri hok baco gapo yae kawe tulih!" (Dr. Mahathir himself had read what I wrote!)

I'm 48, and living in Pasir Mas, Kelantan for the past 26 years. Yes, "Ibrahim Ali's constituency". Yes, I had voted for him. Yes, for the PAS candidate in the Chetok constituency too.

Anyway, I was also from Sultan Abdul Hamid College, Alor Star ... from 1972 to 1978. Had stayed at Bakar Bata (Both my parents are still alive, Alhamdulillah, and now staying at Jalan Sultanah). But of course, I am not as famous as you, Tun:-) Goes without saying, of course...

So what's my point here? Actually, Nothing, to be honest. I just thought about writing here for the very first time.

By the way, my father - Ustaz Yusoff Majid, formerly of Mukim Binjai, Asun, Jitra; and retired from Sekolah Tunku Abdul Halim in 1988 - is A BIG FAN OF YOURS, Tun ... Always loyal, supportive, defending, promoting to/of you since the 1960's, even and especially when the chips were down (during the Anwar affair especially), including NOW.

He did not get "anything" from his loyalty to UMNO or to you - he didn't look for it, simple as that ... No promotion as headmaster, no contracts of whatever, No Nothing.

I'm very proud of him, for he's a rarity at a time where "everyone looks out for Number One; always asking 'What's in it for me?'"... My father, Ustaz Yusoff, is someone who had served the party to help the Malays. As simple as that...

Wassalam.

By Sick Development on August 5, 2008 8:34 PM

Good Evening Tun,

I think i know what you are trying to say/comments.

Hisamuddin mentioned that he might want to revert back to teaching science and maths to bahasa malaysia. Reason given: Kampong kids are unable to catch up. Was it a VERY STUPID reason to you all. The way i look at it things are doing very well and going on smoothly. I see some malay students speaks very good english, Indian students and chinese students also doing very well. What is the problem with this bunch of ministers nowadays. Even children's education also treat like games. One moment change to english the next moment change to malay. Hello MR. Education Minister this is not a game or a shirt which you change as you wish. Plan your work and work your plan. If things can be change so easily without thinking of the consequent. i will suggest that we CHANGE ALL THE MINISTER ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEIR BRAIN.

As a minister of the country when you talk please think and be responsible of what you said. Don't make yourself a fool as we are already a laughing stock to people and we just hope that you don't act like a clown.

Please everything is already in order. I know of a few local U graduate which cannot even write proper english letter as all subject was thought in malay. You want that to happen again. Can you imagine if they study overseas and do not have a good control of english.

Tun have raised the point and it's a very clear one and i believe Tun don't want to see that happen.

By zainiAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 8:35 PM

terima kasih tun.

By ikhwan on August 5, 2008 8:54 PM

Dearest Tun,

You are one of the reason why Sultan Abdul Hamid College students are proud of themselves. Most all of us have a sweet memories of school. But there is only one Dr Mahathir and Sultan Abdul Hamid College. I hope that one of these days, another Mahathir Mohammad is born. Tun, you could use your position when you were the PM to bring more fund for the school. But you didn't . Why.... I think a responsible

person doesn't simple use government money just for the sake that it was your school and you feel sentimental about it. Unlike the present leader who give out government money as though it was his money. You can give out whatever sum that you want but make sure that the money is yours in the first place. Tun, your father was a special person. If he wasn't, there would be no Mahathir Mohammad in the first place. If not for your upbringing, you won't be like what you are now. May Allah bless his soul. Now, I know that in the way, the school should be named Sek Ren Mohammad Iskandar.

Tun, I hope that you would write more on your life . Just a short one. We can wait for your biography for a longer version.

Thank you Tun for spending your time with us through this blog.
By Ramanadi on August 5, 2008 8:58 PM

Ever reaed a column saying that, this man is the only leader from Asia dare to critisied US...by fomer Japan PM Nakasone. Waiting if theres anyone else dare to do that. so far none....Bravo...
By khairuddin on August 5, 2008 9:03 PM

YABhg Tun,

Salam hormat. Seperti YABhg.Tun ceritakan dan alami, kita sepatutnya bersyukur kepada pengorbanan guru-guru dahulu dan ibu bapa yang berusaha-payah mendidik anak anak mereka dalam keadaan serba kekurangan di masa itu. Anak anak kita dan generasi muda sekarang amat bertuah kerana kemudahan kemudahan yang ada.

Saya tidak dapat bayangkan bagaimana susah dan penderitaan yang di alami oleh Aruah emak saya yang dapat belajar di Malay Women Training College(MWTC), Melaka di awal tahun 30 an. Setelah tamat, menjadi guru dan betapa susahnyanya untuk mendidik anak anak perempuan Melayu. Orang kampung tidak membenarkan anak anak perempuan mereka bersekolah. Untuk pergi ke sekolah, emak saya diiringi oleh nenek saya yang pekak, berjalan berbatu batu dengan menggunakan pelita. Tak tahu nasib atau bencana yang menimpa dalam perjalanan ke sekolah di pagi yang masih gelap gelita. Mungkin sang Belang memerhatikan mereka. Tiada keenderaan, tiada jalan batu, malah basikal pun tiada. Saya tidak dapat bayang pengorbanan seorang wanita dan ibu, seorang guru untuk mendidik anak anak Melayu di samping mengasuh anak anak sendiri yang seramai 12 orang. Sebagai seorang anak yang lahir dalam tahun 40an dapat merasa pahit hidup di masa itu. Di akhir hayatnya, emak saya sempat juga menceritakan pengalaman menjadi seorang guru kepada cucu cucunya.

Apa yang YABhg Tun ceritakan sepatutnya menjadi ingatan kepada generasi muda sekarang betapa beruntungnya mereka dapat hidup dalam keadaan yang sempurna dengan segala kemudahan yang disediakan, mendapat pendidikan yang yang sempurna. Mereka tidak pernah merasa menulis di papan batu. Mereka sepatutnya bersyukur.
By cram on August 5, 2008 9:03 PM

Dear Tun Dr.M

Talking about school, although I'd enjoyed my school days. My sister wasn't so lucky. I came from a Chinese primary school,had to go through remove classes before I could join boys from English primary schools in my form one class at Sekolah Menengah Bedong, Kedah.Back then all school subjects were in English, even tho' it was tough for people like me (from Chinese primary)to adapt then, I was glad today I can read & write in English.

My sister, as I said , wasn't so lucky, when she starts her secondary school, the government switched the medium to Bahasa Malaysia, (now, I am not saying that Bahasa Malaysia isn't good.)she finished her secondary and because of financial difficulty, started her working life, it was so difficult for her when she face the real world outside where most of the business dealing is done in English ! Till today she still complains that the Government keeps changing the teaching medium from English to BM. from BM to English.

By zoe on August 5, 2008 9:09 PM

Dear Tun,

I'm not as fortunate as my classmates during those days. My family are quite dysfunctional in a way. I need to juggle my full time work and my studies when I was 15. I didn't have a degree like my friends/classmates. I used to work from 3pm to 11pm and get up by 5am to go to school the next day. I finish my assignments and 'homework' in the class itself as I don't have time to do it after school. I need to support myself then.

By the time I reached 16, I'm like 21 yrs old adult - independent. School wasn't a pleasant experience to me. Tired and exhausted. Because of my early exposure, I matured earlier than my classmates and friends, consequently common topics with them wasn't much.

I always felt that I'm lack of something/fall short than others/my peers, basically low esteemed because of I didn't have any tertiary education. And that makes me works harder than the rest.

In a way, is a blessing in disguise. Hardship are good for character building. Today, I'm doing well in my career. I've been working for MNCs. Headhunters are going after me for a better places. And because of my early exposure and many years of working experience I'm accepted to study in MBA in October.

I love to read autobiography. I love to observe and find out how these successful peoples succeed in their life, how they make it and I'll learn from them. I can't wait for Tun's stories.

All I want to say is, there are always curve balls in our life and life wouldn't be meaningful and complete without mistakes. Just learn from it. I feel blessed that God didn't take away the mountains but instead giving me strength to climb.

Thank you Malaysia.

Zoe

By Tea DeanAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 9:29 PM

I still remember my school days Tok Det ;) Since I am a naughty student full of curiosities, I always get my teachers attention ;p Anyhow, I want to thank all of my teachers back there at Sek Men Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar, Kedah (1992~1994) and Sek Men Keb Agama Kedah, Mergong, Kedah (1994~1996). I will not forget all the sweet memories (I consider the bad one at that time as sweet too! Hahaha) because without those memories I will not be a person today.

By anakmalaysia on August 5, 2008 9:50 PM

My Dearest Tun and family,

It is very nostalgic when we talked about our school days. I was very very young when I attended my primary school not far from Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid i.e. Sultanah Asma School. All my brothers went to Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid and they did well too.

I remember when we were there, my neighbours used to talk about your kindness as well as Dr Siti Hasmah. You had a clinic in Alor Star. I had never missed to turn my head to look at your house everyday on my way to school hoping to see you and your wife. At that time you were not a prime minister yet. I was wondering at that time who are you that many people were talking about. But now... things has changed and I am very sad for what had happened to you. How people had forgotten your kindness and how you built Malaysia as what we can see today.

I will not forget you and I'll make sure my children remember you as a great leader. Nobody will ever replace you sir... Thank you so much for teaching us all these years... may you and your wife be in good health always...

By Yunus on August 5, 2008 9:54 PM

Congratulations Tun! You certainly deserved it.

That was quite a touching story but above all a timely reminder to all and especially to the young to value education!

In this fast paced world of "instant gratification", I hope your story will help the young to re-think their priorities and appreciate the joy of education.

By amaze on August 5, 2008 10:08 PM

Salam TUN,

Congratulation TUN, HIP...HIP...HOORAY!!!, HIP...HIP...HOORAY!!!. You sure have brought back our memory during school day.

Thank you TUN, your article have let me recall back all the sweet and bitter memories during school day.

Football was my school favourite game. During P.E. subject we will quickly rush to school field to take position and start up the game.

My school got many 'Kaki Bola', some can play like PELE or MARADONA.

I love my school very much, Kajang High School. Long time did not visited my school.

TUN, How much is your pocket money during your school day?

By tadpolesAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:15 PM

This is another side of you. I never knew you can be so sentimental. Any sentimental of memories of AAB and DSAI?

By jan on August 5, 2008 10:19 PM

Dear Tun,

I am a Collegian and i was there at the Royal Banquet with the other 'old boys'and also present the next morning in SAHC for the Centennial celebration.We were touched by your sacrifice to attend this grand and memorable function.Even though you were not well,you still make it a point to be present...truly a 'Gentleman'.What more with the school motto 'Scholar'sportsman,Gentleman'.Our gang led by another great man,Dato' Yahya Jalil managed to snap photos with you sir.I will always treasure those wonderful moments.I even manage to shake your hands.Its so obvious how famous and likeable you are with the crowds,young and old alike chasing to have their photos taken,and you obliged everyone,becoming of a great man.What more is there to say.May ALLAH ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU AND FAMILY.

By oldedwardian on August 5, 2008 10:19 PM

Congratulation Tun for being honour as the Collegiate of the Centenary by your alma mater Sultan Abdul Hamid college.

For information my alma mater King Edward The VII Taiping is celebrating 125th annerversary this year.

The soft launch was held at the School months back by Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

last week 31st July we had a parade through out Taiping town and was flagoff by Dato Mutalib Razak the Chairman of Media Prima, it was really a grand occasion.

This coming 11th October the Old Edwardian Association is organising a 125th dinner at Taiping Town Hall, the evening will be grace by Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Sultan Perak and The Raja Permaisuri Perak,Her Majesty Tuanku Bainun was the teacher at King Edward in the early 60's .The Raja Muda and The Raja Perempuan Muda will also be there. Morning of 11th October golf tournament will be held at Taiping Golf Resort Bukit Jana.

Calling all Tigers to attend the golf and dinner. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tun thank you for allowing me to pass some information to my Tigers friends.

Dato Syed Jabbar, when is SAHOCA and Old Edwardian golf return match, please tell us we are ever ready ,

Salam Tun and take good care of yourself and regards to Tun Dr Hasmah.

OLD EDWARDIAN

By yusop on August 5, 2008 10:20 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya sekarang berumur 60 tahun, ini bermakna kerjaya saya sebelum ini adalah dibawah Tun sebagai PM.

Hingga sekarang saya masih lagi mengingati bagaimana Tun berupaya membawa Malaysia kejalan yang betul dan membangunkan Malaysia. Terima Kasih.

Saya juga masa alam persekolahan menuntut disebuah sekolah aliran inggeris, Putra Primary English School dan Derma English School.

Semaga Tun sehat selalu,

Saya sekeluarga amat menyayangi Tun.

By Alias Author Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:21 PM

Tun yang saya hormati,

Mungkin Tun tak ada kesempatan hendak baca tulisan atau komen dari saya ini, tapi tak kisah lah sekurang-kurangnya saya dapat meluahkan apa yang terpendam di hati saya.

Salah satu perkara yang amat saya kesal dalam hidup saya ialah tidak dapat berjumpa Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Haj semasa hidupnya, Perdana Menteri Malaysia yang pertama.

Yang buat saya kesal ialah kerana langsung tidak berusaha untuk pergi menjenguk beliau walaupun saya boleh berbuat demikian. Tengku meninggal dunia pada tahun 90 an, dan ketika itu umur saya sudah 30 an.

Setelah dia meninggal barulah saya terasa saya telah terlepas untuk melihatnya dengan mata sendiri, baru saya terasa seperti melepaskan peluang yang sangat berharga dan tidak ternilai.

Tapi tahukah TUN kenapa saya tidak teringin langsung untuk pergi melihat Tengku semasa hidupnya. Ini semua disebabkan semasa TUN memerintah telah tidak memberi liputan langsung kepada Tengku.

Tengku adalah musuh politik TUN, oleh itu nama Tengku hampir mahu dipadamkan semasa pemerintahan TUN.

Dan saya melihat Tengku di waktu itu sebagai lebih kurang sebagai pengkhianat negara, ini telah digambarkan secara halus dalam media perdana yang TUN kuasai. Sehingga saya tidak langsung berselera untuk menemui Tengku di masa hidupnya.

Inilah mainan politik, akhirnya diri saya yang tidak berdosa menjadi mangsa sehingga hilang pertimbangan akal. Yang tinggal hanyalah kekesalan dalam hati.

By Kidin Author Profile Page on August 5, 2008 10:24 PM

My grandfather, Haji K. Sultan Merican used to be a teacher there.

By che paah on August 5, 2008 10:32 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Jualan Buku Dr M kat book section tempat saya bekerja laris macam goreng pisang..itu buku lama tu...

ex-Jenan 88-92

By Onlooker on August 5, 2008 10:50 PM

Dear Tun,

Our life and our memory will be sweet if we leave all political trivialities behind us. This article of yours is a good and worth-reading descriptive essay on school life. It makes me recall about my tough but sweet school life in a private school in Seremban during 1970s. Your official visit to Seremban as the Minister of Education was the first and only chance so far which I was able to see you in person when the Black Mercedes Benz you sat in had passed by my school at Templer Road, Seremban. I remembered that one of my school teachers from then on always cited your name as the best example of a so-called "gentleman" when all of us in the class had difficulty to understand what it meant by "gentleman". I always thought that this teacher of mine liked you so much because your hairstyle and your dressing were always as smart as his.

When I grew up older, I began to find that "gentleman" also carried the meaning of wisdom, good mannerism and magnanimity.

I would like to see you contributing to us something about your spiritual life in your next article. Would you please lend us your wisdom about the decent spiritual life?

May God bless you!

Onlooker

By MyMalaysiakuAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:00 PM

Minta lalu Tun,

To sjankan August 5, 2008 5:30 PM,

Dulu you didn't attend kelas Tatarakyat ke?

By MJ on August 5, 2008 11:02 PM

Salam Tun.

Saya bersekolah rendah di Iskandar dan menengah di KSAH.

Sempat bergambar dengan Tun masa sambutan 100 tahun tempoh hari:

<http://images.sharepic.net/images3/010389033.jpg>

By boz on August 5, 2008 11:07 PM

ah yes ! We all have our days while we were in school. Talking about school, a few issues come to mind. One is the applicability of education to our lives. Do school textbooks actually help us in life ? Or the students have to buy it because it is meant to pass exams. Does passing really mean that the student is really that intelligent ? Or just nice figures to put up on the school's board. Especially these days when people compete for recognition and for business deals. Education is a big business. Is success or failure in life attributed to education ? There are many stories about successful people who are not very well

educated but because of their given intelligence, they could seize that one moment in time and be all that they want to be. Or may be friends help them on their way to success. University education is not a real privilege anymore especially these days. In IPTS, the university only needs to know the students have paid. So these university graduates come out searching for work. Gone were those times when a uni grad was 100 % assured of a job related to what he has learned. Now the jobless index rises. These uni grads are absorbed into positions which they are not prepared for. They become lecturers. They become managers. They become officers of a higher PM category. In a way, it is a wastage for them to study for something which they will never apply in their lives.

By manhakim on August 5, 2008 11:18 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun;

Teringat masa sekolah dulu dan masa susah. Dari keluarga miskin, bapa cuma toreh getah dapat peluang belajar luar negara masa Tun Jadi PM tajaan biasiswa JPA. Jadi life improve lepas tu untuk mak/bapa dan juga adik2.

Bet! kata pegawai JPA yang bagi taklimat " Once you educate one person the entire generation of that person will be educated as well "

Tengoklah apa jadi dengan jumlah kuota untuk scholarship. Sedih Tun.....

By kedah youngster on August 5, 2008 11:20 PM

TAHNAH TUN !!!

SEMOGA CERITA TUN INI DAPAT MEMBERI MOTIVASI KEPADA SEMUA RAKYAT MALAYSIA, TERUTAMANYA GOLONGAN PELAJAR.

SEMOGA PANJANG UMUR TUN DAN DIMURAHKAN REZEKI.

AMIN.

By loreng on August 5, 2008 11:22 PM

Salam Tun,

Tahniah Tun.

Sekolah saya pun GES tapi GES Sungai Sumun, Batu 17 Bagan Datoh, Perak.

Sekarang nama dah tukar - Sekolah Menengah Khir Johari.

By Tunteja on August 5, 2008 11:26 PM

Salam sejahtera Tun,

Kenangan Tun itu amat indah...

Lebin indah lagi jika dpt difahami disebaliknya. Pengajaran Sc& Math dlm bhs Inggeris adalah niat murni bagi memperlengkap nilai modal insan. Syg sekali disalah ertikan... Seharusnya semua menyokong tanpa berbelah bahagi. Guru2 sanggup meninggalkan sekolah selama bbrp bulan, meninggalkan keluarga setiap hujung minggu menyambung pljrn demi segulung ijazah. Alangkah baik jika guru2 juga sanggup melakukan yg serupa, berikhtiar mempertingkatkan penguasaan BI masing2 demi anak bangsa, anak2 kita. Harap2 kajian yg sdg dibuat bagi menilai keberkesanan Pengjrn Sc&Math dlm BI ini berpihak kepada niat ikhlas k'jaan. Fikirlah murid2 sekalipun semasa cg sdg sibuk mengikuti kuliah. Kalau takpun, tubuhkan semula sekolah aliran Inggeris. Kita sama2 tengok sekolah mana jadi rebutan. Sebenarnya bhs ibunda hanyalah alasan. Bukankah mata pljrn lain diajar dalam bahasa kebangsaan? Hendak seribu daya, tak hendak seribu dalih!

Sikap dan mentaliti kita org melayu patut berubah!

Semoga segala usaha Tun akan diberkati Allah.
By watanasay on August 5, 2008 11:30 PM

ASSSALAMUALAIKUM TUN

PENGALAMANKU CERITAKU

Ku amat berbangga kerana Tun, Banyak kali dalam kali berjumpa Tun..Tetapi tidak ingat berapa kali...Dari jauh dan dari dekat.. Cuma tidak sempat bergambar dengan Tun sahaja, diharap tuhan memakbulkas satu hari nanti.. besalam pernah..Tun yang ku kenali...Semasa di sekolah S.M.K Putrajaya 1, ada lawatan pelajar dari Bosnia..Mereka sungguh berbangga kerana di Malaysia terdapat Tun..Tun telah banyak membantu kemudahan infraskruktur disana selepas peperangan yang berlaku disana dan amat berterima kasih kepada Tun..Mungkin orang luar tidak tahu..Tun saya amat berbangga kerana semasa Tun hendak bersara saya telah diberi peluang sebagai Pengerusi Pusat Sumber menandatangani 1 ucapan untuk Tun..Bangga sangat kerana orang2 tertentu sahaja seperti Pengetua n wakil2 pengerusi ..Saya berbangga sangat bersekolah di SMK Putrajaya dan dapat berjumpa dengan orang dari luar negeri yang selalu datang kesekolah tersebut...

Cerita kedua, iaitu pengalamanku apabila terjumpa Tun disebelah membawa kereta sendiri..Kelu tak terkata lidah..Dan Tun hanya tersenyum pada malam itu..Ketika itu Tun hendak menuju ke Seri Perdana dgn membawa kereta biasa sahaja..Rasa cam nak ikut jer Tun balik rumah..Tun tidak kedekut dengan senyuman walaupun samar2 saya melihat Tun...Tuhan jer tau betapa gembira nyer hati..Ingat nak buka jer tingkap tur..Nak Tanya khabar..Lepas lampu isyarat hijau jer Tun belok kekiri, abg saya terus maju kehadapan ke Presint 9..

Pengalaman bapaku pula..Bapa saya hanyalah bekerja Polis Bantuan di JPM..Sekarang dah pencen macam Tun jugak..Bapa saya selalu menceritakan tentang Tun..Walaupun Tun ni Perdana Menteri Malaysia tetapi Tun respect sangat dekat orang tak kenal pangkat..bapak saya citerkan Tun..Bapa saya sebelum nak bagi salam jer Tun dah bagi salam..Tun bila buat jamuan dipejabat semua panggil tak kira pengawal keselamatan macam bapa saya..Tun duduk bersama dan perhatikan sahaja...Dengar kata Tun selalu bagi duit raya time hari raya...Dari sini jer saya dah tau Tun tidaklah perpura2 seperti orang lain...Tun teramat sangat menghormati orang lain..

Saya akan sentiasa mendoakan kesejahteraan Tun Dr Mahathir dan isteri Tun...Semoga panjang umur dan dimurahkan senyuman dan rezeki..Hope Tun dapat turunkan tunjuk ajar Tun kepada anak2 Tun..I LOVE U TUN

Satu hari nanti diharap saya dapat tangkap gambar bersama Tun untuk dijadikan kenangan sehingga akhir hayat.....Amin..Hope tuhan makbulkan permintaan saya...

SAYANG TUN

By Din Investor on August 5, 2008 11:32 PM

Salam TUN,

Schooling is a journey that is necessary to take in order to fully appreciate things around us and to progress in the life. Although some people never had proper schooling, they had still become successful by sheer hard work and learning through experience.

When I was in primary school, if I had done anything wrong, teacher will either cane me, ask me to stand up on the chair or at worst in the hot 12 o'clock sun. However, I did not dare to mention the punishment rendered by my teacher to my parents, because if I do, I would end up being beaten by them for not being dicipline enough in school.

But on the good side, I have become more dicipline and dare not complain for what I don't have but to thank GOD for what HE provides for the fear that HE will punish for not being thankful, that is take away

what had been provided.

However now, it is totally different. Teacher do not dare to cane student on the fear being sued by parents. This indirectly contributes to students which takes things for granted, not doing their homework but relying on tuitions.

I wonder why tuition is emphasize more than the school in this country. It supposed to be school first and tuition only for those who are slow in learning. Sadly, tuition now holds higher status in Malaysia.

I sincerely hope that government or specifically the education minister himself would do something to reverse the trend, or completely revamped curriculum to best suite the students, after all to all sensible minds, students would rather be happy to go to tuition by carrying nothing just A4 papers and pens but learning more instead of 10 kg bag everyday to school but learning nothing either because teacher is late, absence, at meeting with this and that or at the canteen enjoying a cup of tea.

Thanks.

By MyMalaysiakuAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2008 11:39 PM

Minta lalu again Tun,

To Alias, August 5, 2008 10:21 PM:

Are you for real? Gosh!

By watanasay on August 5, 2008 11:47 PM

ASalamualaikum...Baru2 ni ntv7 Edisi Siasat Mandarin menyatakan Tun Mahathir Mohamad membawa pendatang asing dari filipina untuk dimasukkan menjadi bumiputera disana..Sila Coment Tun..

Mereka dah melampau lah..Pastu cuba kaitkan dengan orang Melayu Bumiputera...Bukan ker diorang ni dulu jugak pendatang dari CHINA...

HOPE JANGAN JADIKAN ISU PERKAUMAN...MAKIN LAMA BANGSA ASING DAH BERANI LAWAN...JANGAN DIAM2 MELETUP CUKUPLAH...INGAT TU!!!!

By ayzex on August 5, 2008 11:53 PM

Salam buat Ayahanda Tun yang dikasihi.

May Tun and family are in the best of health.

Your stories of the golden days of schooltime touches my senses. Glances of those happy and hard times suddenly came back to my memories. Thanks to you Tun, even thoughts of me schooling and growing up in your times would make me smile for the rest of the day... I wish my childrens could experience the same in their time.. but I bet it would not be the same... Coz at my time... I had you as the PM...

My beloved Tun...

You're my inspiration at all good and hard times..

We missed you so much... Love you so much... Take care Tun..

sincerely from me n myfam..

By Tunku Sofiah Jewa on August 6, 2008 12:03 AM

Our beloved Tun,

I know this message is not relevant to the topic under today's discussion. But I just discovered that today is a very special day for both you and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah & the rest of your wonderful family. And so, before the clock strikes 12 midnight and goes into 6th August, all of us at my home, including Yaacob, Shahar, Jasmin, Suffian, Fateh, Arina & Anisa wish you both a Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Good luck, good health and may Allah bless you both and your family always.

With much affection

Tunku Sofiah Jewa.

By millionaire on August 6, 2008 12:03 AM

Salam Tun,

Am i really communicating with you wow this is a dream come true. Bless you and your family, you are the most outstanding human of our time god how i missed you. and your frequent favorite word just through or jestu. wow....

I will comment more but for now i will say this much god bless will shower upon you and that we are still strong just cos you are near to our heart and i am honest. Thank You.

Regards

millionaire

By MDB on August 6, 2008 12:04 AM

Salam Tun,

Do you know that there is a term amongsts young Malaysians called "freehair"? I heard it for the first time yesterday, and for the second time this afternoon. In case you didn't know, it is used by some to describe those who do not wear the headscarfe (tudung) !!

Rgds, MDB

By sRiKaNDi^NeGaRa on August 6, 2008 12:13 AM

SaLam Buat Tun Dr.M yg dihormati;

Sesungguhnya tersentuh hati sy apabila membaca kisah Tun di zaman persekolahan. Membuatkan kami pembaca turut terlintas utk mengimbau kenangan di alam persekolahan.

Kadangkala berehat dari isu2 panas dlm politik pun elok juga. Tidaklah kita terlalu stress dan asyik berdebat. Contoh seperti yg Tun lakukan skrg, penulisan Tun bkn saja tertumpu dlm bidang politik atau ekonomi, tetapi juga soal hidup, pengalaman dan pengajaran.

Ikhlas sy katakan, sy byk belajar dr hasil tulisan Tun. Terutama yg di dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Masa ini lah sy blh menambah vocab yg dh sedia ada. Terima kasih Tun~!

~Wallahualam~

By Benderbuzz on August 6, 2008 12:34 AM

Salam Tun.

Congratulation Tun for being honour as the Collegiate of the Centenary by your alma mater Sultan Abdul Hamid college.

Anyway, my alma mater; SMSAH@Jenan. Always kalah ragbi dgn kolej. huhu....

Well..... we are having a reunion coming ..20++ years reunion at Kelab Cinta Sayang, SP on 9 & 10 August.

By chicco on August 6, 2008 12:38 AM

i m alive. more information please.

By asyraf on August 6, 2008 12:42 AM

Tun, a have read..

MAHATHIR

The Secret Of The Malaysian Success by Hajrudin Somun

I love you the way you think, i love the way you act!

for me you are the one that practice "fight first, for the dignity of the country and malay, lose or win that is

the 2nd matter"

may Allah bless you.
AMIN~

By Ndin on August 6, 2008 12:43 AM

Salam TUN..

Terharu membaca nukilan TUN.. messege berbeza dari sebelum ini.. Saya mendoakan agar TUN sentiasa sihat dan dipanjangkan umur..

TUN.. saya amat merindui keasyikan melihat TUN berucap semasa TUN menjadi PM MALAYSIA.. setiap kali melihat ucapan TUN di TV, saya akan tertarik dan terpaku tanpa berganjak mengikuti dan penuh minat mendengar setiap arah ucapan dan rentetan idea yang amat bermakna dengan gaya penyampaian yang amat menyakinkan.. saya melihat audience yang mendengar ucapan TUN juga terpaku mengikuti penuh minat.. saya ingat tiada audience yang bergaul mahupun tertidur mendengar ucapan TUN.. tapi PM sekarang hmm nak dengar pun malas.. kosong.. haprak..

TUN, saya cadang agar dalam ruang ini agar dirakamkan video ucapan TUN agar kerinduan melihat TUN dapat dileraikan.. selain penuh minat mendengar ILMU BERNILAI yang ingin TUN curahkan.. :).

DOA UNTUK TUN & KELUARGA TERSAYANG
RESTU DARI SABAH

By CS on August 6, 2008 12:45 AM

Dear Dr.M,

It might not be your intention, but you are just a great example for every student- to do all the best and give back and contribute to the society. Nice article there, and like others, i enjoy reading your posting-wise, informative and insightful.

No one is perfect, no matter what people said about you but for sure, we miss:

1) watching you being interviewed randomly in 8 o'clock news with your repeating "Apa Nama... Apa Nama...."

2) reading newspaper headlines about your visionary plans, and it was so real and motivating

3) your speech, impromptu and spoken from your heart; especially those you delivered during international conference

4) how Malaysian being respected and highly recognized by foreigners and how we so proudly say "Malaysia Boleh" and the Boleh Spirit we instilled in our mindset when we face challenges

Wish you stay healthy, always.

p/s: there's a Dr M's fan club in Facebook, everyone is welcome to join!

<http://www.new.facebook.com/pages/Dr-Mahathir-bin-Mohamad/12411993651>

By eugene on August 6, 2008 1:02 AM

Dearest Tun,

You are the greatest. Congratulation and Wishing Tun and Siti Hasmah a Very Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Love you both.

By davC on August 6, 2008 1:10 AM

Congratulations TUN for being honored as one of the three Collegiate of The Centenary recipients. You totally deserved it.

And thanks for letting us walk with you down memory lane...aaahhh those old good days:)

By Sekebun Bunga on August 6, 2008 1:27 AM

Salam buat Tun,

Sesungguhnya saya juga berasa begitu seronok bila teringat kembali alam persekolahan. Sempat belajar di St. Nicholas Convent, Alor Star semasa sekolah rendah dan kemudian berpindah ke Petaling Jaya mengikut arwah ayahanda yang bertugas di Universiti Malaya. Semasa di Tingkatan 6 pujuk ayahanda agar saya dapat balik bersekolah di Sultanah Asma.

Ayahanda setuju. Kini, dalam usia 48 tahun dan mempunyai 2 orang anak yang meningkat dewasa, saya masih lagi meneruskan pengajian. Bukannya apa,... setidak-tidaknya dapat memberi perangsang dan motivasi kepada anak-anak yang 'tidak ada titik noktahnya dalam menimba ilmu'.

Setiap kali balik Kepala Batas tertoleh-toleh rumah Tun kat Titi Gajah mana tahu ada rezeki Tun dan keluarga ada di sana.

Semoga Tun dan keluarga diberkati ALLAH.

By Hatun on August 6, 2008 1:29 AM

Dear Tun Mahathir,

First and foremost, congratulations on being honoured as one of the three Collegiate of the Century by Sultan Abdul hamid College recently.

I am one of Mr Zain's children - and I felt so good to know that you still show your appreciation of your teachers, one of whom is my father. He cannot read well nowadays as his eyesight is not so good. He has always been extremely proud of you and your achievements - and he used to tell us how sharp your thinking was and that you were one of those who was "different" from the others students at SAHC. He also used to mention that your late father was a disciplinarian and that you and your siblings were encouraged to do well in your studies.

My memories of SAHC was that of a young girl - so it was mainly about the activities of students of the college. As a scout master, my father often had the scouts practice their skills in building "bridges" in our house compound, the football matches being played in the college field in front of our house. The college compound was very peaceful and quite lovely too.

What you mentioned about my father being good in English is very true. I used to receive replies to my letters home (I was in a boarding school during my school days) - whereby my father would return my letters with corrections (of my grammatical errors) made using red ink. It was like I was his student too! I suppose I owe my father for ensuring that I did well in my English language as my teacher (while in Form 5) did not give me much confidence then.

Whatever it is, I would like to say that I enjoy reading your blog compared to the others. I do worry about what is to become of our country lately - looks like there's not much that can be done to stop the rot in the system. All we can do now is hope that things will not become worse in the days to come. The glory of your time in office may not be easily replicated - but we can hope that there is a possibility perhaps!

Wishing you good health and God bless.

By luqman on August 6, 2008 1:49 AM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for being Malaysia's best ever PM.

Hope that I could say a few word for my friend Dospenang

Dear Dospenang,

Cukuplah Tun berjasa secara berpolitik untuk kita. Biarlah Tun berehat sambil mengajar kita pulak melalui blog chedet.com ini. Kalau Tun sibuk balik, mungkin ilmu sejak 3 bulan lepas ini tak kita dapat. Saya pasti akan ada bakal pemimpin seperti Tun yang akan lahir kelak jika beliau terus membaca penulisan Tun ini. Dulu saya pun nak minta Tun aktif balik dalam berpolitik tapi selepas membaca komen komen dari sahabat yang lain, saya rasa kita sangat mementingkan diri kalau terus meminta Tun masuk berkempen balik. Itulah kita sama-sama menyedarkan antara satu sama lain. Jangan marah ya .

Sjankan- Awak ni belajar di mana ya? Kurang ajar. Agaknya di sekolah dulu guru guru di sekolah awak memang bencikan awak kot sebab tu awak tak cukup ilmu. Guru Kolej dan murid murid kolej sultan abdul hamid sayangkan Tun. Kalau tak percaya, baca komen cucu salah seorang guru Tun iaitu Mr Zain. Kalau awak datang waktu majlis tersebut agaknya awak pengsan sebab tak boleh nafas. Tapi of course awak tak datang sebab awak bukan budak Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid.

Terima kasih Tun

By cclow on August 6, 2008 2:05 AM

Dear Tun,

It's great to hear and congratulations on your' collegiate of the centenary ' award. You truly deserved it.

Yes, all of us have had some wonderful moments when we were at school.

Unfortunately, we are now more worried on the future of our livelihood and our childrens'.

The Government of today is too embroiled in it's own political struggle. They are just not working.

The welfare & wellbeing of Malaysians generally are not look into thus creating tensions and etc.etc.etc.

We missed you as PM.

Regards

By catwoman on August 6, 2008 2:57 AM

tun saya rasa walaupun sekolah lain ada buat blog masing2 tapi ramai dah ke blog tun dan memberi idea disini. semua nya dah seronok menulis di sini samaada pro atau cons.

syabas tun..

saya setuju org dulu2 memang fasih and gramatically good in english. that i can see fr my uncle and auntie lah(sekolah english). masih berabuk lagi... in their 70's now. mereka pandai joget waltz and cha cha...dulu2 mereka ada radiogram(playing records)...eemm...nostalgic..my pak cik was an inspector in singapore and my auntie was a matron in govt hospital

my atuk also was one of the few(rasanya) yg ada tv black and white in the kampung at that time. i

remember it was 'philips'. bila ingat skrg my atuk mesti byk duit(ketika itu) blh beli tv philips..ha..ha we always(myself and brothers and sisters and also neighbours siblings) crowded my grandmothers home(my parents cannot afford to buy tv)to tumpang tgk tv. selalunya cerita2 filem melayu. 3 stooges,charlie chaplin, cite MGR.(semua black and white)

tp skrg budak2 zaman skrg tak heran tgk tv. mereka suka computer game and CC and etc2...mereka main pun sendiri2 dan pakai duit..

zaman dah berubah..dunia dah maju..
By cclow on August 6, 2008 3:08 AM

Dear Tun,
It's me again. To show you an example of what i mentioned earlier bout them being too embroiled in power struggles, HAVE ANYONE HEARD ANYTHING OR BEING TOLD BOUT ANYTHING ON THE COMING 'MERDEKA CELEBRATIONS'?.
These events are no longer important nowadays. So, how to be harmonious/sesama berbilang kaum & bangga dengan negara??
During Tun's time, we would have our mini Malaysia flag up on our car and everywhere else, the Merdeka song playing everywhere.....families making plans to celebrate at KLCC or Dataran Merdeka.....Fireworks...
Nowadays, we all better go to sleep on Merdeka eve & day.

By MALAYSIADREAMAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 3:49 AM

Salam YAB Tun the great leader,
Allowing/Wishing to share a moment of life here by Tun during Tun's schooldays ,when Tun was the Editor of the school magazine.
Tun,as a student, wrote the editorial for the magazine.....!
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SULTAN ABDUL HAMID COLLEGE,ALOR STAR
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EDITORIAL

Nearly four years have passed--weary years full of trials and hardships,of cruelty and evil deeds, of murder and torture: nearly four years since the last College Magazine was published.It seemed interminable, the War. It was wearisome. It wearied the soldier in the frontline, the mother at home and the schoolboy in his school.
It taxed one's strenght, one's endurance, one's stolidity and left one broken and shattered.
But Peace, with all that the word implies , has come. God be praised for the Peace that we have now.It could be another "Peace"
in which the Power of Evil triumph. But it is not. It is a Peace worth living through; for have not the Powers of Right and Justice won? Though in some corners of the world there is still some fighting,yet it is only the natural aftermath of a great upheaval and by and by it too will die down. And may Almighty God prolong the Peace--till Doomsday.
Humanity is on the threshold of the greatest Age of all--the Age of Atomic Energy, and we,as members of the human race pray and hope that this revolutionary energy will be turned to peaceful usage. We hope

that this marvellous discovery will enhance the progress of mankind, raise the standard of living and maintain Peace even as it stopped War.

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This was written by a student,aged 20 years at that moment...about 63 years ago....!Apparent characteristic for leadership , energetic soul for aspiration and burning spirit for Peace..and..Justice....! That is A Leadership....That is the Charismatic Leadership.....! It's no wonder "HE was A Prime Minister of Malaysia,Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad...! Thank you very much ,Tun...we salute you ..we shall always remember you as The Prime Minister of Malaysia..the Great Leader..the nation ever had..May God bless you...May God bless Malaysia....forever...!

By Abd Rahim Helmee bin AwangAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 5:16 AM

Salam Tok Det,

Saya teringin nak mendengar Kisah Seorang Pemuda bernama Che Det, yang berniaga goreng pisang di suatu tempat di Kedah, di zaman itu.....

Salam.

By

Abd Rahim Helmee bin Awang.
By jalurgemilang57Author Profile Page on August 6, 2008 7:07 AM

good morning tun,
please dont be angry if i couldnt write a proper message to you.i am not as educated as you are.i am a citizen who survives as many average people do.
i have told you something yesterday.please do not reveal those to many,as it could instigate those who are involved.
as more i approach towards this,i feel this man is not very far from me.i feel it strongly when i tap in.usually when this happens the person will be not far from me ,usually about the range not more than 50km.
this man also has others as colleagues who cooperate with him.he has sometype of authority.he is very smart in pretending.as i feelo into the cosmic for a period,i feel that this man is actually in disguise.his heart is with the other and he goesa for money.there is some rewards given and he is also part of some activities.dont care much of injury to others.gets things done by sitting and observing.
he is there existing even before i came.i was like a threat but later decided that i could be an asset.
sometimes he fears that i might know of the actual.quickly he creates some matter which will create confidence and trust so that i will proceed and he will keep watching.
each and everything ,every movement is observed.updates and sharing are done.he is smart as well as he also says how to neutralise.he also creates and plan diversions.this diversion is done through others as he keeps himself invisible.
those who are involved has also approached me with a smile of pretend.many of the notorious ones are involved and being pprotected by him.when he finds that something is on,he observes and protects them. they are all together involved in many things in crime.
when i feel the cosmic waves,the waves are pointing to the nearest that i can understand which i have known before.
"who will betray you" "when i dip the bread into the pot and the one who dips with me will be the one" least will the followers believe that the man who dipped the bread at the same time will be teh one who will betray.but so did it happen that the actual was the same person who got christ arrested.
another is "do not worry about the enemy who lies beyond,watch the one who is walking beside you"

when i disolve to feel at a larger fraction,this is what my mind is pointing to.
many things and the tactics are revealed.sometimes it is revealed and shown in some way to cause fear to me.that is sometime their intention to make me stop.not to proceed.
everytime there is something planned,it is revealed.each and everything.their with the other group.
this man knows that i am with the current but is still hoping that someone will get me in to his team.they will gain great strength.dont want to give up.keeps watching invisibly on me.
many things are done from deciding from one point.when there is dangere the thing is done nearer to him so that he can monitor.he gives protection in such way.least will anyone will be able to prove what he is doing and done.he is smart.he protects the others and the oethers reward him and also keeps the relationship secret.
he is also part of the people who took my things.
it was taken in order to make me paralyzed and not capable.thats why the spell is formed so that i will not be of any use anymore.
however what they did ,didnt work out.
they follow me each moment to see what i am doing and taking whatever they can get to use it as an asset against the ones i am helping.he is not a good person.he is evil and notorious.
to eliminate me is not recommended as to fix up is also dangerous.many already know and might track back the path i have shown.there is some trace.they plan whatever action very carefully.
i think it is time for this man to be revealed,thats why i am getting the feeling and hints.
whenever there is a little bit of hints towards what is pursued,he creates diversion and a protection layer so that what is sought will never be found.
certain times what is written by me gets out of his hand also.so the monitoring goes closer to see what i am up to and decide a diversion before i get it down on the papers.
what i am writing now is between you and me.please do not reveal this.many might just open their mouth and talk as well as spread.the actual intention to eliminate this person will be invain.
i have to sought your help in this as i cant trust any other to handle or listen.i am not from tis field and i dont trust anyone.i always keep my suspicion on everybody i see or talk to.this is how i take care of myself.
many know and they have been revealed of what i am doing and who i am.all these people also pretend as if they do not know anything.
please be careful with this group.they have a big network of action with this man supporting.he is among us!
By hajiman ibrahimAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 8:53 AM

Yang Berbahagia Tun.

Mohon ulasan Ybgh terhadap pandangan saya dibawah ni:

Saya berpendapat, setelah membaca penerangan sosial contract dari ybgh. kesimpulan yang mungkin dapat dibuat ialah, yang nyatakan kedatangan kaum india, cina dan lain lain ke Malaya ialah sebagai pekerja. Ia ibarat kita ialah majikan yang mengambil mereka jadi tukang pencuci dirumah kita. Walaupun selama mana , dari generasi kegenarasi mereka berkerja, kedudukan mereka sebagai pekerja tetap kekal. Mana mungkin sebagai pekerja mereka pula sama-sama memiliki harta dan pesaka kita.

Sebaliknya pa yang nyata berlaku pada hari ini, sebagai pekerja mereka bukan setakad memiliki harta dan pesaka kita, malah mereka pula menjadikan kita pekerja mereka.

Pada saya perkara ini telah menjadi satu jenayah dan kita wajib memeranginya. Apa cara dan bagaimana wajib menjadi satu perbincangan dan agenda utama kita sebagai orang Melayu. Kerana itu, gerakan gerakan bawah tanah melayu, pemberontak melayu, pejuang melayu, penganas melayu jangan di tangkap dan disumbat dalam ISA, kerana mereka telah secara besaran menentang ISA. Kita dah patut mula bertindak, undang-undang hanya mainan dan dikuasai oleh golongan yang pandai memainkan kata-kata.

Apa komen Ybgh Tun ?

Senantiasa mendoakan kesejahteraan dan kebahagiaan Tun sekeluarga.

By eagle on August 6, 2008 9:05 AM

Salam Tun Dr M,
Congrats to you!
keep on writing, we love reading your blog.
take care of your health.
By sdahenanAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 9:17 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAH HI TAALA WABAROKATUH

Yang di hormati lagi di sayangi Ayahanda Tun dan Bonda Siti Hasmah

Nak cerita sikit pengalaman anakanda di sekolah.

Anakanda adalah dalam gulongan BACKBENCHERS dengan 5 orang kawan hardcore.Geng selalu kena berdiri dalam kelas.

EPISODE 1

1973 - Sekolah Menengah Dato Hj Hussein Selama Perak - Form 3

Ada seorang guru lelaki india nama RAJALINGGAM.Baru 3 bulan mengajar di sekolah tersebut dalam mata pelajaran sains.

RAJALINGGAM ; Ok class.Today we are going to learn about seed and plants.

OK First- if a COTYLEDON plus a MONOCOTYLEDON,what would you call it?

Jawapan yang sepatut nya adalah DICOTYLEDON

SALAH SEORANG DARI

KAMI BANKBENCHERS: DIE KOTE LINGGAM.

RAJALINGGAM : who's that -who's that

Apa lagi the whole backbenchers kena berdiri lah the whole class.

TO MR RAJALINGGAM SIR WHERE EVER YOU ARE - WE ARE VERY SORRY -

Semuga Ayahanda dan Bonda selalu berada di dalam limpahan rahmat Allat SWT

Alif Lam Mim

WASSALAM

By "My Way" on August 6, 2008 9:46 AM

Dear Tun,

Thanks for sharing. Find this the more personal side of you. You should also share other interesting experiences, that will be great.

Cheers!

By Zoe Puscah's Ragdoll Whatever's on August 6, 2008 9:47 AM

Greetings, Tun.

Whilst I read this entry with interest, I couldn't help wondering.. why do you refer to Mahadi as "My mother's eldest son"? Is he not your brother? why not refer to him as "my eldest brother, Mahadi"? Sorry Tun, I was just curious.

P.S.: I miss seeing you at your (now former) office while taking questions from foreign press and academicians.

-Zoe Puscah

By abdul on August 6, 2008 10:15 AM

Dear Tun,

I'm very much agreeable with Zainnan's nostalgic comments about our alma mater, SAHC (Sultan Abdul Hamid College)

Yes, the serene sight of the majestic pillars fronting the SAHC and overlooking the college green are very nostalgic indeed. The SAHC was built during the colonial period and it is very rare to find a local school built with corridors supported by very big pillars.

During our time, in the late 1960's every Collegian was taught to be strong and disciplined like the College's pillars. The SAHC had also taught, inspired and visioned us to be pillars of organisations, states and nation.

It is the spirit of SAHC that had produced 2 of our 5 prime ministers, and it is none other than the son of SAHC who had become the pillar and nation builder for almost 22 years, when Malaysia had been envied by other nations of the world. Those who have passed through SAHC had left their imprints for the new and fresh to fashion and emulate as visionary and successful citizens.

We had very good and dedicated teachers like Masters Joginder SS, KB Menon, Mahadi Minhat, to name a few who also authored Malayan school's main text books, which made SAHC more famous. It was Master Joginder SS who instilled the fear for discipline, and it was him who meted public canning, without fear and favour on students breaching discipline. His sight alone walking along the college's corridors made us trembled with fear and that is a TEACHER worth his salt.

In the late 1960's the college's hostel had opened its doors to students who passed from kampong schools in the interiors of Yan, Kuala Belat, Bedong, Serdang, Kulim, Baling and Langkawi. We had students of various races, faiths and backgrounds living and studying in one big family.

Masters KB Menon and Gilbert were the hostel masters who managed strict discipline, in place of our parents. There was no freedom for the hostelites except on Saturday, and it was on this day too that we had our worst lunch menu of rice, ikan kembong and tauge.

It is really nostalgic walking along the memory lanes of SAHC, our dear alma mater.

By cauz on August 6, 2008 10:17 AM

Dear Tun,

The country still needs you, hope Tun still can give advise to "people" doesn't know how to manage UMNO, MALAYSIA dan Barisan Nasional.

"Once collegian always collegian"

By baniADAM on August 6, 2008 10:25 AM

Salam Tun, banyak kenangan saya di SAHC (1973-1977) & Sekolah Rendah Iskandar (1967-1972), teringat gang2 lama yg sama2 merentas laluan keretapi sebelah SAHC, antaranya Syed Nasir Syed Omar, Nazri, Hayazi, Mahathir(kami panggil che det juga), Mazlan, Junaidi, Nazri Othman, Jamil,

Rohaizat, Allahyarham Syed Anas, Ahmad Sirajudin, Tengku Azman & banyak lagi.....salam kenangan utk semua. Long Live SAHOCA & Che Det!!!!

ps: Kedai mamak depan kolej tu ada lagi kah????
By hijaumuda on August 6, 2008 12:00 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan semua@chedet.com,

Ucapan tahniah dan semoga bahagia berpanjangan buat Yang Amat DiHormati Ayahanda Tun dan Bonda..Happy 52nd Anniversary.

Saya dapat salam dengan Tun dan isteri sekali sahaja (tu pun dah gembira sangat dah..). Masa tu kat Stadium Nasional Bukit Jalil, seminggu lepas SUKOM98. Disaat negara sedang gawat dgn reformasi jajaan Anwar & the geng, dimana dikatakan bahawa Tun tidak lagi disukai oleh rakyat terbanyak..Tun tiba2 muncul di sana..bersantai-santai mengunjungi gerai2 jualan sempena SUKOM bersama-sama dgn isteri tercinta. Kami yg sdg membeli-belah terkejut bila tiba2 nampak begitu ramai orang berkerumun..kami pun mencelah nak tengok apa yang dikerumuni orang ramai..rupanya TUN berdua..punya lah ramai orang berebut2 nak bersalam. Kami pun tumpang berebut sama..hehe..dapat salam!

Terima kasih juga kat sorang blogger chedet yg linkkan rakaman QnA Tun masa kat PD tu.

Sekolah? Kesian tengok budak2 sekolah skrg ni. Diorang terpaksa belajar bagai nak rak..disebabkan sistem yg berterabur dan selalu bertukar2! In the end..they get straight A's in every subject, but when it comes to the real world out there.. they failed to survive!!

Saya berpendapat bahawa kerajaan perlu menilai semula semua silibus yang diajar di sekolah, lebihkan praktikal..kurangkan teori. Kembalikan semula sistem gred dan agregat macam dulu..ataupun guna CGPA seperti di kolej/universiti. Tahun lepas saya tengok keputusan PMR adik saya..matapelajaran Sains dia dapat C-cemerlang! Bingung saya..dapat C tapi Cemerlang! Apa ke jadinya dgn sistem persekolahan hari ini..

By acomAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 12:48 PM

Tun,

Tahniah atas kurniaan yang diberikan kepada Tun, You deserve all that prestigious award.

As I said before I am very very grateful to all the responsible elected leaders that had managed this country,especially all theirs efforts in ensuring the Malay get educated .

I was in 6th year rural Malay primary school in 1964.In May that year during morning school assembly speech given by the headmaster. All I can recall was he said that there is a special boarding school for those who can past a special entrance examination and he mentioned a 2ft thick mattress is where one would sleep in that school.

I put in extra effort on my own , there was no tuition ,not even any guide from the school teachers. The funny thing was those Malay teachers sent their kids to English school in Alor gajah town.

I was accepted to enter STAR Ipoh in Feb 1965 , a rather delay admission due fasting month. To my horror I saw my class designation is Remove B. The government was giving me one year to learn

English, I did have to struggle,just imagine I used to be among the top in primary school,suddenly placed among the bpttom of the class when the first term result was revealed.

I had to compete with boys who come from kl, etc .

Whatever it was , the was responsible and Tun maintain the same policy and a lot of Malay are still poor. NEP is still relevant

By damndamndamn on August 6, 2008 12:56 PM

Dear Tun

This is an absolutely heart-warming post. It makes me take a trip down memory lane. I have so much to be thankful for - born here, raised here, educated here, work here and living a useful life here (try my

best).

Thank you, Tun! I'm getting more and more nostalgic for the time when you were PM.

Thank you Malaysia (the country I used to know)
By jeng3 on August 6, 2008 1:00 PM

salam tun,

Thanks for sharing your memories with us. Thanks also to ABI, Neil and Onlooker for finally having contributed something worth reading from y'all. But I'm disappointed with Sjankan..kesian dia ni...artikel Tun mcm ni pun dia sempat nak kutuk!

ABI (Abbreviated Brain Injury) tolong bantu operate sikit otak Sjankan ni...huahua! CSI Malaysia, tolong buat post mortem...hehehe!

Wassallam.

Jeng3 - Victoria Institution K.L mid Seventies
(pernah kena 3 kali sebatan dari HM kerana curi keluar asrama malam tengok wayang kat panggung Cathay, filem Akira Kurosawa 'Kagemusha'..sakit bontot sekejap tapi pengalaman takkan lupa sampai bila-bila..)
By damndamndamn on August 6, 2008 1:10 PM

Dear Tun

I thank MALAYSIADREAM who wrote on August 6, 2008 3:49 AM

Hi MALAYSIADREAM, thanks for reproducing the editorial written 63 years ago by young Che Det. I don't think I could think and write like that when I was 20 years old. If I could I would have made my parents very proud.

Dear Tun, I thank god for blessing my motherland with a son like you. To all the young sons and daughters of this nation who are reading your blog, YOU are their greatest teacher and mentor. Cheers!
By Benderbuzz on August 6, 2008 1:14 PM

Salam Tun.
Mohon laluan utk komen pasal blogger ni.

By MyMalaysiaku on August 5, 2008 11:00 PM
Minta lalu Tun,

To sjankan August 5, 2008 5:30 PM,

Dulu you didn't attend kelas Tatarakyat ke?

MyMalaysiaku, engkau nak heran apa? SJANKAN tu memang tak belajar sivik pun. Almaklumlah dulu sekolah kat tanah jawa nuuuuu
kira jawa tok jugak lerr... parent dia kira fail la mendidik anak sebab tu jadi lagu tu....hihi ...hapraknya
By sulia on August 6, 2008 2:09 PM

salam tun,
I'm very proud to be anak kedah. masa kecik2 dulu Tun ada dtg KG NAGA, KEPALA BATAS.. Umur saya 6 tahun masa tu, saya dapat salam ngan Tun and your wife. seronok sgt. Tun adalah sumber

inspirasi,seorg yg sangat berdedikasi.terharu baca posting kali ni.InsyaAllah saya bakal seorg pendidik MRSM tak lama lg.Jasa Tun untuk negara tidak ternilai.byk pengorbanan yg telah Tun lakukan.
Semoga Tun sihat selalu..amiin..
By aita1705 on August 6, 2008 3:15 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun..

Ini adalah kali pertama saya melawat 'weblog' Tun. Begitu tekun saya membaca cerita Tun. Ada perkataan2 yang saya kurang faham, saya rujuk kamus OXFORD FAJAR untuk saya lebih memahami cerita Tun.

Memang indah kan Tun memori ketika kita di alam persekolahan? Sukar untuk dilupakan, disitulah bermulanya perjalanan hidup kita.

Saya mengajar anak saya (kini berumur 7 tahun, tahun 1), matapelajaran matematik dan sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris, sangat-sangat membantu saya untuk memperbaiki kelemahan saya dalam bahasa antarabangsa itu. Bukan saja anak yang belajar, tetapi juga ibunya.

Saya berasa rugi dan kesal, kenapa tidak sedari awal penggunaan bahasa Inggeris untuk matapelajaran Matematik dan Sains dikuatkuasakan di semua sekolah seluruh Malaysia?

Walau bagaimanapun, terima kasih Tun kerana mengembalikan era penggunaan Bahasa Inggeris untuk matapelajaran Matematik dan Sains.

Apa yang berlaku sepanjang alam persekolahan dulu akan membuatkan kita sentiasa menghargainya sekarang.

Dalam diam saya berbangga kerana ada seorang anak MELAYU yang dianggap BIJAKSANA, iaitu Tun.
By astarguy on August 6, 2008 3:35 PM

Akum Tun det.
Sy orang alor setar jugak.
Sek Iskandar darjah 1-6 (start 1984)
Sek men kek hwa ting 1-3
Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid ting 4 (2 bulan)
Sek teknik alor star ting 4&5
USM grad 2000
Now Civil & Structural Engineer

The point is alor setar people are great.
I also can consider budak kolej jugak. :)
Tun det walaupun kedah la ni dipimpin pas tapi mari sama2 kita majukan negeri kedah. Buka peluang untuk anak jati kedah.
Tun jgn lupa asal usul kita.
TQ.
By truth/benar on August 6, 2008 3:52 PM

Salam Tun,

Tun..bukukanlah kisah hidup Tun utk tatapan kami semua. Semoga menjadi renungan dan panduan bagi kami dan anak cucu kami..tentang rintangan dan kepayahan hidup pejuang terdahulu merintang dan mengharungi hidup hinggalah terpalit di hati dan minda Tun dan pejuang lain tentang erti keperitan dan keutamaan untuk mensejahterakan rakyat.

Matematik & BI perlu diajar dlm BI bagi memastikan anak generasi kita dapat bersaing dgn bangsa lain. Sudahlah dgn bangsa lain di Malaysia kita ketinggalan apatah lagi di di luar negara. Memanglah perit utk anak-anak Melayu kita belajar dlm BI. Anak saya juga begitu. Namun InsyaAllah, lama kelamaan BI akan

menjadi satu kebiasaan dan akan ramai Malaysian dapat menjadi pakar matematik dan pakar lain. Ingat.. bersakit dulu bersenang kemudian. Susah dulu senang kemudian. Biasanya orang yg sakit atau susah dulu akan menghargai perjuangan mereka dan memahami penderitaan rakyat. Fikir-fikirkanlah.
By isa_affendi on August 6, 2008 4:10 PM

Dear TDM,

Thanks for sharing the memories. Inspirations to us all.
By Nazirul HazimAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 4:32 PM

If they ever tell my story..
Let them say I was inspired by giants.

Men rise and fall like the winter wheat..
But this name will never die.

Let them say I lived in the time of a father and a builder of nation.
Let them say I lived in the time of Mahathir.

<http://nazirulhazim.blogspot.com/>
By cfaiza on August 6, 2008 5:01 PM

aku kat sekolah boring
tak minat nak belajar
dari sek ren sampai menengah boring
pekse cukup2 makan je
tapi jejakle jugak kaki aku kat kolej

tapi skang
dah jadik mak
beria2 nyuruh anak belajar
tiap2 malam duduk depan anak suruh anak2 baca buku
tiap2 kali lepas sembahyang doa anak2 aku jadi
anak soleh yang bijaksana -Amin-

ade hati nak sambung belajar
tapi.....

p/s sokong guna English utk Science and Math
By orang_kepala_bataih on August 6, 2008 5:04 PM

Tun,
It's nice, for a change, that you wrote about quite a bit on your childhood. I can imagine the nostalgia that engulfed you while at your alma mater. Having said that, would you to consider writing an autobiography? Now that you have achieved blog stardom, such an idea should be in order. I hope this will work...
By samuraimelayu on August 6, 2008 5:06 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,

By cclow on August 6, 2008 3:08 AM
HAVE ANYONE HEARD ANYTHING OR BEING TOLD BOUT ANYTHING
ON THE COMING 'MERDEKA CELEBRATIONS'?...

Thankyou brader 'cclow' for waking us from our nightmares.

Perhaps Anakanda Rakyat Chedet.com shud organise its own celebrations for the good 'Happy Days' time sake and relieve us for a day from the pains we have to endure under the current 'sleeping' leadership.

Any event managers amongst us to undertake the programme.?

We hope our good friend 'Syed Hamid' wud issue the permit, if required.

Alfatihah, Amin

p/s.

Down memory lane,

During an English lesson of 1st formers,

Teacher : any one of you can make a sentence using one word to define the phrase ' carrying a baby'?

English 'freak' : Teacher, I can and without hesitation he constructed the sentence ' The fireman came down the ladder, PREGNANT!

The whole class burst out with laughter including the teacher.

Now the 'freak' is an English professor in one of the university in London, UK.

Last but not least, another pupil during a science class.

Teacher : what is the Malay proverb ' when we said something, somebody feel the pinch?

Pupil : I know sir, ' Siapa makan cib..., dia rasa pedas.

This bright pupil grew to be a commercial pilot based in Singapore.

LAUGHTER IS STILL THE BEST MEDICINE.

By cek on August 6, 2008 6:54 PM

ASSALAMU'ALAIKUM TUN,

PERIBADI TUAN AMAT TINGGI NILAINYA, TIDAK SETANDING DENGAN MANA-MANA PEMIMPIN MASA KINI.

ZAMAN TUN DAN ZAMAN SEKARANG BANYAK BEZANYA CONTOHNYA RANCANGAN TV.

DAHULU BANYAK CERITA BERFAEDAH, SEKARANG BANYAK CERITA HANTU DAN RANCANGAN REALITY YANG KARUT MARUT DAN MEMUALKAN.

DAHULU BANYAK LAGU-LAGU PATRIOTIK YANG MENITI DARI BIBIR KE BIBIR ANAK-ANAK KITA TAPI SEKARANG, ENTAH HAPA-HAPA LAGU YANG KELUAR.

DAHULU RAMAI YANG TERTUNGGU-TUNGGU NAK TENGOK BERITA, SEKARANG BILA TIME BERITA CEPAT2 TUKAR CHANNEL TAKUT-TAKUT KELUAR GAMBAR PAK LAH!

DAHULU JARANG TERLIHAT RANCANGAN YANG TERLALU MENJOLOK MATA, TAPI SEKARANG TUAN-TUAN NILAILAH SENDIRI!

KAMI HANYA SEKADAR MENGELUH TUN.... Please take care..

By samuraimelayu on August 6, 2008 7:21 PM

By dayanganita on August 5, 2008 6:21 PM

Dear Tun,

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BN to win Permatang Pauh please? I cannot stand Anwar and I cannot stand if PKR wins. Will you help?

Dear 'dayanganita',

No humanly help including Ayahanda charisma cud ensure victory for BN in the Permatang Pauh by-elctions.

The Solution : Remove the leader responsible!

My apologies Ayahanda ' My heart said Anwar Ibrahim'(the courts not considered)

Usaha manusia, Allah swt Penentu.(Kun faya Kun)

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By anak merdeka on August 6, 2008 7:45 PM

assalamualikum TUN

u know what the best for country but they didn't,wish u good luck.

By samuraimelayu on August 6, 2008 7:56 PM

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LAUGHTER IS STILL THE BEST MEDICINE.
By Mohd Faried on August 6, 2008 8:09 PM

Salam Tun

1. Kenangan Tun di zaman sekolah mengingatkan saya juga di zaman sekolah.
2. Sekolah Men Sri Istana - Klang. Sek saya di belakang Istana Negeri- Klang.
3. Sekolah kami adalah tempat transit pelajar2 yang degil , nakal dan mempunyai masalah disiplin.
4. Walaubagaimanapun sekolah kami sentiasa dapat no satu, Berjaya dapat no. 1. sekolah terbaik di daerah klang. Semasa itu tahun 1998.
5. Saya teringat Cikgu Rubiah. Cikgu yang tegas dan garang. Tiada siapa yang berani melawan. Se gengster2 kita pun tak berani lawan dia. Setahu saya, tanpa cikgu Rubiah...dah lama saya gagal dalam subjek Bahasa Malaysia.
6. Tun, kenangan Tun amat penting bagi masyarakat Malaysia. Saya dan saya yakin masyarakat Malaysia nak tahu Biografi Tun. Latar belakang Tun, Kehidupan Tun. Kejayaan Tun. Cita-cita Tun. dan banyak lagi....Saya nak buku Tun.
7. Saya doakan Tun dan Toh Puan sihat sejahtera, dan di lindungi ALLAH S.W.T.

HIDUP TUN!...HIDUP TUN!... HIDUP TUN!
By AudiAuthor Profile Page on August 6, 2008 9:08 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,
Semoga Ayahanda dan Ibunda sihat-sihat selalu. Semoga Allah merahmati Ayahanda dan keluarga hingga ke akhir ayat.

Audi
By sydlan on August 6, 2008 9:34 PM

Asalamualaikum Tun,
Semoga Tun sekeluarga sentiasa di lindungi Allah S.W.T. hendaknya.

Tun telah mengimbau kenangan saya semasa di KSAH dr tahun 1977 hingga 1981. Banyak yg tak dapat dilupakan.

Teringat semasa tahun pertama masuk Kolej, bas 'Toyu' kemalangan. 2 pelajar terkorban.

Tapi sekarang banyak dah berubah. Tiada lagi gate keretapi, tiada lagi Scout Den, Caravan St. John Ambulans, Rumah pengetua, Poster wayang depan gate keluar, kedai busu dll.

"Once a Collegian, always a Collegian"
By nookvillage on August 6, 2008 9:44 PM

Tun,

During my time it was difficult to enter English Medium School. I still remember I was interviewed by three panels of Senior Teachers to be admitted to Std One. There were about 800 children were called for places at two classes (about 80 children were selected). It was very competitive to enter Std One than

PhD studies. The ratio was 1 to 10. I was lucky and grateful to my late loving mother who coached me before the interview. She advised me not to forget to greet " good morning Sir" upon entry and say "thank you, Sir" before leaving. Thus "good morning,Sir" and "thank you,Sir", I guess are magic words beating and edged others, determined my present destination. Thank you,Sir, Tun.
By din on August 6, 2008 10:00 PM

TUN!!!!

THANKS FOR COMING BACK TO COLLEGE FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!!

Do you remember the F1 in Schools display??

It is me and im very happy that we met and I congratulate Tun on getting the Collegian Of The CENTURY!!

My friend has taken a few pictures of we talking to each other, I'll be more than happy if Tun would reply this comment to my e-mail, if Tun is not that buzy.

This is my e-mail:

din_paladin_v1@yahoo.com

Again, thanks for coming to college Tun, and I will support you on your voyage on making our country a better place!!

By debby on August 6, 2008 10:14 PM

Tokk Det..i loveeeeeeee u!!!!!!!!!!!!

By KITT on August 6, 2008 10:41 PM

Salam Tun,

Nama saya Mohammad Nazrien, salah seorang ex-student KSAH dari tahun 1991 - 1995...Saya cukup berbangga dpt bersekolah di KSAH di mana Tun juga merupakan bekas pelajar di situ...Saya juga merupakan ahli SAHOCA dan pernah joined waktu majlis Hari Raya anjuran SAHOCA di mana ia diadakan di Putrajaya sewaktu Tun masih lagi menjadi Perdana Menteri...Di sini saya sekeluarga mendoakan kesejahteraan Tun sekeluarga...

By totally spies on August 6, 2008 10:52 PM

going down the memory lane...kdg2 bila balik kampung, saya drive perlahan2 kat tadika,sekolah rendah dan sekolah menengah tempat saya bersekolah dulu...ada suka,ada duka.

masa sekolah rendah kat kampung, ramai murid2 susah, tak pakai stokin, kasut koyak rabak,namun tak semua memahami keadaan itu. ada yg mengejek,menghina bukan saja murid2 lain malah guru pun (itu guru yg tak patut jadi guru tu,buat malu bangsa jer..!)

ada ketika sekolah sesi petang, pukul 7.30 mlm, ada murid2 yg masih tak diambil ibubapa (atau mungkin tertinggal bas) menangis tepi jalan. rumah nenek saya tepi sekolah,nenek saya panggil budak tu duduk kat tangga ,kesian.dekat pukul 8 mlm,baru nampak sibapa dtg ..!

kalau sekarang terjadi macam tu,ntah apa jadi tak tahu ler, jenayah sana -sini tambah2 dengan warga asing yg berlambak !kita taktahu latar belakang nya,mana tahu kut perogol bersiri atau pembunuh kejam di negara asal mereka...! nauzubillah!

selamatkanlah negaraku, agamaku,anak bangsaku dan keturunanku.amin

By mohamedhashimAuthor Profile Page on August 7, 2008 1:13 AM

Regret for not able to attend SAHOCA celebration lately. Congrats Tun for the award. I was a collegian during 1962 till 1966. Left school and work with Felda for 28 years,but I'm not as successful as you are, but I am proud and adore you as a Kedahan. So nostalgic was your writings reminds me of teachers like Mr Boonlert Somchit,Gilbert Jeremiah,Cheung Chin Yeung,Mr/Mrs Chia,Ismail Puteh,Ong Poh

Kee,Shahnon Ahmad,etc,etc. They were part of my schoollife and my being a human. May God reward their deeds. I was born at Kg Telok,Sg Korok,Alor Star,a neighbour of late Tan Sri Osman Yeop Abdullah,who was also a Collegian. I had sweet memory of Tun when he was a doctor at Maha Klinik,Pekan Melayu. I used to get medicine for my father,a Kedah Badminton Champion with the SUNROC Club for free,the reason I could not think of today. I,m grateful to you.Such a man would want to help the needy. Thanks and may ALLAH bless you all your life.
By rizalaffendi on August 7, 2008 1:35 AM

Congratulation to KSAH for 100 years of Excellence.
' Most prestigious school in the country '

- From collegian 1995-1999
By artkedah on August 7, 2008 1:59 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

saya jarang meremang bulu roma. tapi bila Tun cerita kenangan di SAHC, saya meremang bulu roma. Kenangan di SAHC susah nak di gambarkan. Saya belajar dari tahun 1969-77. Kolej ni special dari berbagai segi. Siapa yang belajar di sana sahaja yang bolih membayangkannya. Dah lah rasa bangga belajar di sana, orang lain pun turut bangga menyebut akan kita yang belajar di sana. Lambang badge kolej sungguh unik dan membuat pelajar sendiri merasa bangga. Cerita zaman persekolahan, memang susah nak di lupakan. Belajar dengan segelintir anak mat salleh ketika itu dah buatkan rasa begitu hebat walaupun saya bukan lah semewah mereka. Mereka yang tinggal berasrama dengan cara mereka, mempunyai bantuan biasiswa bolih di kirakan mereka berduit juga walaupun kebanyakan mereka dari luar bandar dan dari keluarga yang kurang berada. Di sebabkan bapa saya bekerja sebagai seorang guru di sekolah kebangsaan seberang perak, saya tidak layak mendapat biasiswa pada masa itu. Dengan berbekalkan 20 sen sahaja kesekolah tiap-tiap hari, tidak banyak yang dapat di belanjakan berbanding kawan-kawan saya yang mendapat elaun atau biasiswa.

Kolej meninggalkan berbagai kenangan yang manis dan sukar di lupakan. Saya cukup merasa bangga dapat belajar d sana kerana seperti yang Tun katakan, hanya pelajar yang terpilih sahaja yang dapat belajar di sana. Saya lihat ramai pelajar dari Kolej menjawat jawatan penting dan ramai juga yang berjaya di dalam perniagaan. Antara pelajar dari Kolej yang saya banggakan ialah kejayaan Tun sendiri.

Saya berkali-kali berulang alik ke negeri China dan pada suatu malam saya telah di bawa ke suatu kelab muzik Jazz. Disebabkan tempat itu sungguh sesak, saya keluar untuk mengambil udara di luar sambil mengharapkan kawan-kawan saya pun ikut keluar dan meninggalkan tempat itu. Di luar, saya melihat beberapa orang pengemis tua berkumpul dan saya pergi kepada mereka untuk menghisap rokok bersama mereka. Ada yang meminta wang dan ada yang menunjukkan kaki mereka yang tidak berkasut. Saya membuka kasut saya dan hendak memberikan kepada salah seorang dari mereka(mengacah sahaja), tetapi dia tidak mahu menerimanya. Mereka bertanya dari mana saya datang. Saya mengatakan dari Malaysia. Sebaik mereka memahami cakap saya, mereka terus menyebut 'Mahatir'. 'Mahatir good, good'. Saya bangga dan saya terus mengulang sambil bertanya, 'Mahatir Good'? Mereka berkata, 'Yes, yes, Mahatir good'. Saya bertanya lagi, 'Abdullah'? Mereka menung sekejap, lalu berkata, 'oh Abedula, Abedula no good. Mahatir good'. Termenung juga saya memikirkan pengemis pun tahu Tun.

Saya memang tahu juga asal usul Tun dan emak saya masih berhubung dengan kakak Tun sampai sekarang. Kadang-kadang kita sedih tohmahan yang di lemparkan mengatakan Tun dari Bangla ke India ke dan di suruh nyah dari negara ini. Mereka yang mempertikai keturunan ini sebenarnya pedengki, lupa daratan tanpa mengkaji sejarah Tun dan mungkin mereka sendiri tidak tahu asal usul keturunan mereka pun. Kalau mereka tahu, mereka tak akan pertikai keturunan Tun.

Teruskan berjuang Tun sampai ke akhir hayat kerana tidak ada apa lagi buat Tun di dunia ini kerana segala keringat dan buah fikiran sudah di utarkan. Yang tnggal hanyalah amalan sahaja. Ibadat antara kita dengan Allah swt yang ramai orang bolih buat. Yang ramai orang tak bolih buat atau kurang buat ialah amalan. Amalan sesama manusia, amalan kepada bangsa,negara dan agama yang saya faham

membezakan martabat seseorang di sisi Allah swt. Dan bagi saya, martabat perjuangan Tun berada di landasan yang betul dan benar dan tidak akan ada akhirnya selagi kudrat masih di berikan oleh Allah swt. Tun di pihak yang benar. Sesiapa yang membelakangi Tun tidak kira Pak Lah atau pun menteri-menterinya akan menghadapi kesukaran. Tidak ada keberkatan buat mereka. Saya tak minta supaya mempercayai apa yang saya tulis di sini, tapi saya sendiri yakin, Tun mempunyai sedikit kualat atau kelebihan yang di kurniakan Allah swt di sebabkan pengorbanan, keikhlasan dan kejujuran Tun dalam memertabatkan bangsa, negara dan agama. Di akhirat nanti, kita lihat di mana Nik Aziz, di mana Fadzil Noor, di mana Hadi Awang, di mana Harun Din dan di mana Tun. Jangan terkejut kedudukan Tun adalah lebih baik dari mereka. Saya bukan hendak memuji Tun kerana saya bukan jenis yang suka menonjolkan diri kepada Tun meskipun saya rasa saya juga berhak menonjolkan diri saya kepada Tun pada masa tun menjadi PM lagi. Namun semenjak Tun mejadi PM sehingga sekarang, hanya dua kali sahaja saya berjumpa dan berjabat tangan dengan Tun. Apa yang saya katakan mengenai perjuangan Tun memang benar dan di akui oleh mereka-mereka yang berman dengan Allah swt. Reference saya bukan lah mufti atau di kalangan orang-orang PAS yang sempit akal fikiran mereka.

Semoga Tun sentiasa mendapat keberkatan baginda rasul saw dan rahmat dari Allah swt sehingga akhir hayat.

By cucujebat on August 7, 2008 9:09 AM

KSAH tetap dihati. Terima kasih untuk semua guru - guru 1978 - 1986. Pak Man, Ust. Ghazali (Warden Asrama Putra. Kekawan Helmi Hamid, Misbah, "Joe dog", Abau, Naim Songkla, Fatahi, Mat Pin. Tahniah untuk Radhi Mat Din yang pimpin bolasepak kedah untuk merebut 3 piala. Untuk TDM jasmu tak terhitung. KSAH alma mater.

By mgpunya on August 7, 2008 10:17 AM

YAM Tun,

Yes..that was the good old days...

But now....Just take a look at most of the schools now adays.

They are such a messy sight to look at with all the many colours, writings, murals, pondoks (different colours and designs), fancy fences, gates and gerbangs..etc..etc

They don't seem to have any set of rules or codes governing school buildings.

Some of the schools have different set of rules too...As an example,

They have their owns set of rules regarding the length of students hair. So parents have to fork extra money to pay for hair cuts..

So many cheatings too.....you'll be surprise some primary schools scoring 6 to 7 A's among the students but some of them hardly know their sifir 2 or speak or write simple English. I suppose that has something to do with getting the recognitions as...guru cemerlang or sekolah cemerlang.

Some Guru Besars and teachers are directly involve in politics too..and hold positions in the party. Not suprising some of them even stood as candidates in the recent election (God knows where they got the money for their campaign).

Some Pengetuas, guru besar and teachers are businessmen as well... driving their expensive 4 wheel drive and some even have 2 or 3 of these vehicles. Contract makan...contract bangunan....they all sapu! What I notice in my observations...some of this Pengetuas and Guru Besar...more so among the Pengetuas, they tend to possess this air of snobishness, hidung tinggi sikit...most of them are just too proud.

Yes...gone are the good old days when teachers are teachers. When teachers were dedicated professionals....

But, ofcourse I was just refering to some of the teachers from the area I come from....

By DukeOfUMNOAuthor Profile Page on August 7, 2008 1:01 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun yang dikasihi dan para blogger sekalian...

Masih saya ingat...ketika saya bakal melangkah dari darjah 6 ke tingkatan 1, saya telah mendapat tawaran untuk meneruskan pengajian di KSAH. Saya amat gembira dengan tawaran itu sehingga tak dapat tidoq malam! KSAH adalah sekolah menengah pilihan no. 1 saya kerana...

1. Disitulah lahirnya tokoh pemimpin yang terunggul didalam sejarah Malaysia seperti DYMM Sultan Kedah, Tunku, Tun Dr. Mahathir, arwah abah saya, bapa mertua saya (salah seorang Dato' Wira Segara Kedah), abang saya dan ramai lagi anak2 Kedah yang hebat2 belaka!

2. Sekolah menengah yang paling terkenal dengan kemajuan akademik dan sukan di Kedah dan Malaysia dimana ramai cendekiawan dan ahli2 sukan negara dilahirkan disini.

3. Sebuah Kolej yang tertua, versatile dan bersejarah!

Namun...apakan daya...saya masih ingat...saya menangis sepanjang jalan dari Alor Star, Kedah sehinggalah tiba di Kangar, Perlis kerana saya tidak dibenarkan arwah Abah untuk meneruskan pelajaran di KSAH! Saya dipaksa untuk memasuki sebuah sekolah Agama dibawah YIPs walaupun saya tidak rela! Itulah takdir yang saya terpaksa terima...sehingga saya memasuki universiti pun masih ditentukan oleh arwah abah...saya hanya menurut kerana menghormati dan tidak mahu digelar penderhaka kepada ibubapa...itulah ketentuan Allah...

Jika tidak...tentu saya hadir di majlis 100 KSAH itu bersama Tun, bapa mertua saya dan abang saya...alangkah ruginya saya...tapi tak pa lah...mungkin takdir qadha' dan qadar hidup saya berbeza dari apa yang saya fikirkan...namun, sampai sekarang saya masih sedih kerana hal "NAK MASUK KSAH" ni...ishhhh..!

By Faizi on August 7, 2008 2:56 PM

assalamualaikum TUN!!

ni 1st time sy anta comment kat blog TUN..

sgt2 gembira..

Sy pn ada cerita TUN..

Ni masa sy tadika lagi..ayah sy bawa pergi dinner lepas perhimpunan agung UMNO. Ms tu sy igt TUN datang dekat sy, pastu TUN ckp "aik,kecik2 dah jd ahli UMNO ka??"hehe..then TUN bg sy ice-cream yg ada kat dalam peti ais tepi meja sy...sy masih igt smpai sekarang psl tu TUN!!

TUN sgt baik..syg TUN sgt2!!TUN jaga kesihatan ya..jangan makan ice-cream..hehe.makan ubat ikut time ok??

Assalamualaikum...

=)

By ARbAK on August 7, 2008 4:28 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM YDK TUN.TUN SITI

DIDALAM DUNIA INI CUMA ADA 3 ORANG SAHAJA YANG APABILA DIKISAKKAN CERITA MENGENAI MEREKA, MAKA RASA SEBAK DI HATI INI DAN MEMBUAT AIR MATA SAYA MENGALIR:

PERTAMA: NABI MUHAMMAD RASULLULLAH S.A.W: Kerana pengorbanan nya yang tidak terhingga untuk Umat nya. Walaupun Dia Kekasih Allah tetapi hidupnya sangat sederhana, tidak keterlaluan jika dikatakan miskin. Kasih sayangnya kepada Umatnya hingga ke saat Baginda nak wafat, Baginda masih menyebut Umat,ummati.....ummati.

KEDUA: GURU AGAMA (HAKIKAT) SAYA: Kerana hanya Guru Hakikat(warissatul ambia) sahajalah yang dapat menunjukkan jalan yang benar (mengenali diri dan mengenali Allah)untuk kembali kepada Allah swt

KETIGA: YANG AMAT DIKASIHI TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD: YDK telah berbakti kepada Bangsa, Negara dan Agama. Jasa Tun Tidak terhingga, much more than what the 3 PM before You put together did. Namun kini hampir semua menteri yang dahulunya mencium tangan/tunduk kepada Tun kini berlaku BIADAP dan KURANG AJAR. Sungguh sedih.

Semoga Tun Sekeluarga sentiasa diberi taufik dan hidayah serta sihat sejahtera.
By isha.sofitelpalmresortAuthor Profile Page on August 7, 2008 4:51 PM

Semua org ada kenangan di sekolah masing-masing. Tapi saya kurang kagum dgn diri sendiri. Sbb kadang-kadang separuh daripada kita terpaksa tempuh pelbagai kepayahan, sebelum menemui kesenangan. Tapi still ada yg sentiasa dalam kepayahan, nauzubillah. Tapi alhamdulillah sekarang saya hidup dgn selesa :)

I did some write-up on this topic also. Selamat membaca :)
<http://palmresort.blogspot.com/2008/08/adolescence-and-human-development.html>
By junaidiyAuthor Profile Page on August 7, 2008 7:28 PM

sy setuju dgn Dr. M dan percaya pendidikan dan sekolah adalah sebahagian drpd hidup.pendidikan dpt mengubah cara hidup.menghormati agama, ibubapa, cikgu dan kwn2 adalah perkara terbaik ygn perlu ada dlm hidup.kat sekolah, cikgu2 best (kalu cikgu pompuan yang pregnant tlg angkat buku dia bwk ke kelas, jogging pepagi ngan cikgu, cikgu belanja mkn etc). this is what i means, part of our life and i will memorized forever
By etchkay on August 7, 2008 9:58 PM

Salam buat Tun dan bonda Tun Hasmah. Saya turut terpanggil untuk mengimbau nostalgia sebagai bekas pelajar Kolej (zaman saya 73-78)setelah membaca komen-komen lain. Untuk makluman sydlan (6 Ogos 2008) kenangan ketika kemalangan bas toyu masih melekat dalam ingatan saya. Bas yang membawa kami pasukan ragbi Kolej nahas dekat Sungai Pasir. Dua orang rakan yang meninggal adalah pelajar Yayasan Sabah, Jinur Salim dan Marianus Masabal. Itulah sejarah hitam sepanjang menjadi "budak kolej".

Terima kasih ayahanda Tun. Dengan Tun menulis tentang memori KSAH ini dapatlah saya peluang merakamkan penghargaan buat guru2 saya dulu seperti Mr.Durbara Singh (coach tenis), Mr. Wong Tong Poh (football tactical), Ustaz Ahmad Mehat (sampin kolej sekarang ideanya), Mr. Oo Ewe Soon (our football coach), Mr. Lim Eng Hooi (LEH ??? our rugby coach) dan yang lain2nya, terima kasih banyak2.

"Once a Collegian, always a Collegian"
By kaa2121 on August 7, 2008 10:58 PM

Dear Tun Yang Dikasihi,

It's indeed refreshing to read topics that you rarely touch;your personal life. Hope there'll be more to come as I have been waiting for your memoir since the day you left office. Wondering what you've been doing all this while....ha ha!!
By johndoe on August 7, 2008 11:35 PM

tun ,
i always enjoy your writing as i manage to learn new things... continue writing for the sake of malaysians
By anakpaknuih99Author Profile Page on August 8, 2008 12:09 AM

coretan yang membuat saya juga terkenang kembali semasa menjadi pelajar disana 1977 - 1981. Malah kini merasa lebih bertuah lagi kerana TUN juga adalah bekas pelajar KSAH yang maseh bangga menjadi bekas pelajar.
ALMA MATTER.....
By attiesya on August 8, 2008 8:44 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I have always looked up on you ever since I was in school. You're my inspiration, my motivator and your dedication towards anything you do really inspires me. I enjoy reading your point of views as it is

refreshing.

Thank you Tun.

By sikurombi on August 8, 2008 12:19 PM

Selamat sejahtera Tun,

The present situation in a rural Sabah school especially SK Pekan Kinarut, Papar and SMK Kinarut is very disturbing indeed. This is because the local student mix with the children of "Pelarian Perang" from the southern Phillipines who reside at nearby Pusat penempatan pelarian perang Pilipin, Kinarut. These children of the "Pelarian" are very arrogant and bully the local children. I wonder why the government accept the intake of such children? The UNHCR, UN or whatever should build a separate school for them and should not mix with our peace-loving locals. These "outsiders" are famous for their bad habits such as thefts, syabu etc... Their original country is at peace now. Why don't they return to their hometown? There are so many cases of burglary in the neighbourhood. We can't stand this any longer.....

By LSZ on August 8, 2008 12:23 PM

As'kum..

Just to ask you so, why does the Alor Setar(previous name) has to change to Alor Star(current name). im a Kedahan, it's kind of sad because for all i know reason being Alor Setar it has it's own historical name for it. and now of all the things Setar has been change to Star. why so? it may see so not very important but i still think there are certain things that should stay as it is. that's what being unique is all about.

regards: shereen (i am 26 by the way *smile*)

By Orang Edgecumbe Road on August 8, 2008 12:52 PM

Dearest Tun,

As usual you touch many hearts by writing about your past. I enjoy every minute reading about you. When I visited your family home in Alor Star, I must say that i'm very proud of you. A simple Malay man but indeed the greatest Prime Minister Malaysia ever had. Keep witing Tun, you have inspired many of us in many ways.

Salam Kasih Sayang,
Orang Edgecumbe Road.

By Orang Edgecumbe Road on August 8, 2008 12:54 PM

Dear Tun,

Sorry wrong spelling. Typo error. I wanted to write.."You touch many HEARTS...my apology..

Orang Edgecumbe Road.

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Salam Kasih Sayang,
Orang Edgecumbe Road.

By A on August 8, 2008 1:47 PM

Dear Tun,

I am touched that you still remember your teachers and school. Sadly, today we start seeing student suing teachers.

By jue on August 8, 2008 1:58 PM

Other than our parents (sometimes elder brothers/sisters) who are our very first teachers after we were born, we have formal teachers from whom we learn a lot more....

In the history of China, (group)teaching profession became a formal practice in the general society after Master Confucius selfless effort to impart all his lifelong learnings and knowledge by conducting public classes to groups of students(not the usual one-to-one tutorship affordable only by the rich and elite society).

Hence the general public and the society as a whole was able to progress by leaps and bounds. And he emphasized a lot on the process of lifelong non-stop learning principle;

that we may learn from anybody who had the knowledge and experience (He says that if there are 3 person walking in front of you, there must be one master from whom you can learn);

we must not feel ashamed to seek advice, guidance etc...

Education became part and parcel of the people's live.

Similarly the Jews emphasize a lot on Education too.

Teaching profession in our present days society here has lost its prestigious respect, for which we must correct it fast.

By chopper on August 8, 2008 10:02 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Tun merupakan inspirasi saya semasa saya belajar di KOLEJ SULTAN ABDUL HAMID(KSAH). Saya amat berbangga kerana dapat belajar di sekolah yang sama dengan TUN...

Once a Collegian, Always a Collegian

By su_ci on August 8, 2008 10:59 PM

salam TUN....

smoga TUHAN panjangkan umur Tun utk terus mengkritik demi mempertahankan bangsa melayu.....

takkan melayu hilang di dunia?mungkin.....

By xoxox on August 9, 2008 10:48 AM

Assalamualaikum TUN,

Tahniah diatas penganugerahan "Collegiate of the Centenary" sempena sambutan 100 tahun Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid (KSAH). Sayang sekali saya tidak dapat bersama-sama dengan SAHOCA yang lain. Tapi apa yang pasti, hari pertama berdiri didalam dewan KSAH yang 'gah' semasa assembly, lagu Alma Mater menyuntik semangat "Collegian" yang membara hingga sekarang.

"Strong loyalty we give our king

Firm friendship we would like to bring

We march along with strength and will

To help our country win

We aim for truth and courage

For virtues and for values

We're girls and boys of College

Good Collegians are we

K.S.A.H Alma mater
K.S.A.H young Collegians all

The problems of the world we face
Seem very small like earth in space
The rainbow of the sky we chase
A great and worthy race
We pupils here are happy
We're cheerful with no worries
For aren't we young Collegians
We are and proud to be

K.S.A.H Alma mater
K.S.A.H young Collegians all"

Terimakasih di atas segala jasa TUN kepada bangsa dan negara yang tidak terbalas.
Tahniah dan Selamat Ulangtahun ke 52 perkahwinan TUN berdua.

Wassalam,
Sek. Keb Iskandar (1978-1983)
KSAH (1984-1989)
By syahir on August 9, 2008 5:06 PM

Ayah saya merupakan ex SAHOCA tahun 60an. Sekolah ini banyak melahirkan pemimpin terbiland dan cemerlang. Semoga SAHOCA terus mara ke hadapan!
By KITT on August 9, 2008 11:15 PM

Salam Tun Sekeluarga,
Bila Tun bercerita tentang KSAH, teringat kisah2 silam sewaktu menjadi student KSAH dari tahun 1991 - 1995...Sungguh bangga rasanya menjadi salah seorang pelajar KSAH yang telah melahirkan pemimpin berwibawa seperti Tun...Saya juga merupakan ahli SAHOCA dan pernah bertemu & bergambar bersama Tun sewaktu Tun menjadi PM dan pihak SAHOCA mengadakan majlis sambutan hari raya di Putrajaya...Gambar tersebut sentiasa saya pameran di ruang tamu rumah saya...Akhir kata semoga Tun sekeluarga berada dlm sihat & sejahtera...
By mat codet on August 10, 2008 11:02 PM

Salam Tun,

Seronok dapat membaca memori Tun bersama KSAH. Ayah saya juga salah seorang pelajar disana, tahun 69 mungkin. Dia juga selalu bercerita tentang kisah zaman sekolahnya. Memang sangat menarik. Hingga ke hari ini dia dan rakan-rakan sekolejnya kerap berjumpa dan setiap tahun sentiasa diadakan majlis "re-union". Saya yang ketika itu masih bersekolah bercita-cita untuk menjadi satu-satunya waris ayah yang masuk ke KSAH selepas abang-abang dan kakak tidak ke sana. Malangnya, seperti Tun kata, dari seluruh negeri Kedah, tidak semuanya dapat masuk dengan mudah. Saya adalah salah seorang yang tidak berjaya.

Tapi, walaupun begitu, ilmu tetap ditimba walau dimana sekalipun hatta sekolah menengah kebangsaan. Itupun sudah memberikan jambatan untuk saya ke Universiti dan saya tetap rasa bersyukur.

Semoga Tun dan keluarga senantiasa sihat walafiat...

By sarah on August 10, 2008 11:20 PM

wow! u must be very proud Tun! all the best.
By bella on August 11, 2008 9:53 AM

what a great memories u have tun..

i still remember my school days..
i masuk sbp kt kelantan, time tu form 1, year 2000..
that school br lg bukak 2 yrs b4..
gersang sangat, tanah merah lg, pokok banyak tak tumbuh lagi..
n i still ingat, dari sy form 1- form 3..
teruk sangat problem air..
pukul 3 pagi dah bangun pegi blok sekolah bimbit baldi, tadah air nk mandi..
umur baru 12 tahun time form 1(PTS student)..
jauh dari family (about 5hours school-home)..
jarang balik n selalu homesick..
tp,tu semua ajar saya untuk berdikari.. i really² miss my good old days..

tun, like what CS said..

sy juga rindu nak tengok dalam berita bila tun cakap "Apa Nama.. Apa Nama.."..
hehe~
tun tegas,i like it..
take care ya..!

By bmeeAuthor Profile Page on August 11, 2008 10:23 AM

tahniah tun for being named collegiate of the centenary.
semoga tun sehat-sehat selalu.take good care!!
By jerrya4jAuthor Profile Page on August 12, 2008 1:02 AM

I couldn't agree more on that Tun.

I too, owed my teachers a great deal, especially Mr Khoo Boon Keat. It was him who shaped me into who i am now. I am forever indebted to you, my best English teacher. It's been very unfortunate that you're only able to teach my class, for 1 short year.
By suriapagi on August 12, 2008 1:29 AM

Salam Tun,
Tahniah untuk Tun & moga panjang umur & sihat. Thank you for bringing Malaysia to this level. when I went to my secondary school i wasn't sure what I would be. Tak berani nak pasang cita-cita tinggi. tapi bila Tun jadi PM baru saya sedar dan buka mata rupanya macam-macam kerja ada & peluang terbuka luas.
By aninie on August 12, 2008 12:29 PM

Salam Tun,

Tahniah Tun, as being the third Collegiate Collegiate of the Centenary. Tun deserved it. Wlupun bersekolah dgn wang saku 40 sen (itu pun byk disimpan), sy sgt gembira kerana di sekolah, pada sy akan dpt membuat sy jadi org cerdik pandai dan dpt mengubah masa depan keluarga.

Kali terakhir sy dapat melihat Tun, pada BookFest di KLCC. Kwn sy yg sedang sarat mengandung mengidam utk melihat Tun. :)
Tun, aura Tun sgt dikagumi dan digeruni pada sesetengah org.
Semoga Allah panjangkan usia Tun dan semoga Tun sihat dalam rahmat Allah, amin.
By babyZZ on August 12, 2008 9:48 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Dear Tun & Family, last but not least Tun Fans and non-fans :)

Tun, I love all your writings....2day was my first time ever have the opportunity to comment....it is so exciting.

I feel that all your topics beneficial to be read and understood. For this topic is a light topic walking down the memory lane.

I still remeber during my schooling days in Kuching up until i am 15 till my dad transfred to KL in 1994.

There are so peaceful, there is no harshness between different races and religions...everybody respect each other and off course respect the official religion.

I am sarawakian, there are more different more different ethnics in Sarawak but we still manage it. Well coming back to the topic, i still remember my Kolej Abdillah friends....we enjoy our school days, bitter sweet memories :).

I salute and congratulate U Tun.... I wish i can meet you and introduce you personally to my four beautiful babies.I want them to meet u personally and LOVE and RESPECT u for all that u have done for anak bangsa, agama & negara.

Forever I LOVE U TUN....I pray U, ur wife and anak2 dipnjgkan UMUR & murah rezeki untuk meneruskan perjuangan yang tidak pernah selesai.....

By ammarDM on August 14, 2008 12:02 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun..

i think you entered the GES is not because you are the lucky ones..i think that..it is because of you..you are the best..your brain so powerful..you know why?..cause you make Malaysia shiner then other developing country..hehe..

Tun..can i have your e-mail please??..i miss you Tun..nowadays it is hard to find you on tv..huhu..

that all..and i wish that I'm your junior at those days when you were at the school..hehe

may Allah give your family and you a wonderful days in your life..Assalamualaikum..

By miss_naniezul on August 16, 2008 3:21 PM

Dear Tun,

i am very touched with this article.. it makes me reminisce back on my school days, whereby the immaturity played a leads.. but still, it worth millions of memories.. :)

You are simply one of a kind, Tun..

For every Prime Ministers that ever exists.. You are the best!!!

By adikzone2601 on August 18, 2008 2:01 PM

salam Tun..

1. Congrats for the award.
2. Selamat Ulang Tahun Perkahwinan.

Alhamdulillah, selepas 3 minggu berkursus penguatkuasaan dan induksi dapat jugak saya baca blog tun

ni. rindu sangat nak baca nukilan dari tun..

saya membesar dalam era pemerintahan tun sebagai PM.. alhamdulillah dapat saya merasai biasiswa dan juga bantuan dari kerajaan untuk meneruskan persekolahan saya ketika tu.

My primary School is Sekolah Kebangsaan Seberang Perak (P), just about 500 meter from sekolah lama tun kan? Sekolah Kebangsaan Seberang Perak (L). Di SKSP(P) banyak mengajar saya tentang ilmu dan hidup. saya merupakan pelajar yang nakal tapi dapat jugak maintain result setiap tahun... selalu langgar arahan cikgu2 dan juara denda walaupun akhirnya dipilih menjadi Ketua Pengawas dan Tokoh Murid bagi tahun 1994. Dulu kena pukul dgn cikgu, tak berani saya mengadu pada mak... kalau adu jugak, alamat kena nasik tambah la... baik diatkan aja.

Secondary School pulak di SMK Sultanah Asma (SAS) dari tahun 1994/95 hinggalah tahun 1999.. cikgu2 kat sana memang baik. SAS pon dekat jugak SAHC kan? denda, kena rotan dan kena marah tu lumrah saya di sekolah tu. terkenang balik, perjalanan balik saya setiap hari dari sekolah ke rumah di Tongkang Yard.. berjalan kaki setiap petang. pagi2 saya tumpang cikgu sekolah yang kat sebelah SAS tu. masa tu mak saya single parent dan memang kami orang susah. nak masuk SAS time tu kena result UPSR yang cemerlang kerana SAS dah jadi sekolah kawalan negeri kalau tak salah saya. Setiap petang berjalan kaki pulang. kalau bernasib baik, dapatlah tumpang kawan2 mak yang kebetulan lalu di jalan yang sama. kerana kesusahan itulah saya dapat result yang cemerlang semasa SPM kerana mak saya pesan, kita tak kaya dengan harta jadi, kita kena kaya ilmu untuk hidup senang di masa depan. nah, sekarang terbukti kata2 mak saya tu.

Bila terfikir balik, pelajar2 zaman sekarang mmg dah dimanjakan sangat. kena marah sikit dengan cikgu dah nak mengadu pada parents. ke sekolah kalau tak dihantar dan dijemput, payah nak hadir. tak merasa susah langsung untuk menuntut ilmu. jadi agaknya sebab itulah pelajar sekarang dah tak tahu nak menghargai ilmu yang diberi oleh cikgu2. mungkin....

By azizi zabidi on August 18, 2008 11:10 PM

Hi.nice 2 meet u.tq.

By wirawati on August 19, 2008 4:57 PM

Salam semua,

Buat Tun yang amat saya sanjungi, sesungguhnya hanya Alah yang mampu membalas jasa dan budi Tun dalam memajukan negara juga anak bangsa. Melihat keadaan pada hari ini, anak bangsa kita banyak yang terucir, tak macam dulu, waktu saya bersekolah, guru itu amat dihormati dan ditaati. Kerja saya pada hari ini walau bukan sebagai pendidik sebenar tetapi, banyak juga acara melibatkan saya pergi ke pusat2 pendidikan bagi memberi ceramah, namun masih ramai yang tersasar dari matlamat pendidikan. Ramai yang masih manja, bergantung sepenuhnya pada keluarga dan jauh terpesong untuk membina jati diri. Bagaimana agaknya bila berada di luar sana? Mampukah mereka berdepan dengan senario pada hari ini? Kekeliruan dan kecelaruan politik, fitnah dan menghasut, gejala sosial yang melibatkan pelajar amat besar sebenarnya.

Pembelajaran disekolah turut melibatkan perana ibu bapa, tapi zaman dah berubah. Memang ramai ibu bapa yang manjakan anak hingga menjadi keterlaluan, sebab tu pepatah melayu ada kata, manjakan anak, tangan2kan....

Saya datang dari keluarga yang sederhana, arwah abah cuma polis berpangkat rendah degan gaji bersih RM780 (masa tu saya Tingkatan 3, tengok slip gaji abah, macamana tanggung 9 org)anak ada 7 orang, yang bersekolah menengah 3, sekolah rendah 3, dan adik yang bongsu baru setahun. Namun, kata2 azimat abah masih saya pegang hingga ke hari ini, "abah takde harta nak bagi, cuma pelajaran buat bekalan".....alhamdulillah, anak2 abah semua menjadi!

Mak cuma buat nasi lemak untuk kami bawa ke sekolah masing2...saya pegang pada prinsip,"susah dulu, senang kemudian.....tapi lain macam budak2 sekarang, kalau naik motor ramai2, bersaing-saing, kita hon pun di angkatnya isyarat lucah....hormat apatah lagi....

By akhuraiah on August 19, 2008 5:36 PM

Salam Tun,

Bila Tun cerita pasal sekolah, saya teringat sekolah saya, Maktab Tentera DiRaja. Putera, D Coy, holiday ration, sanddune, hell, changeparade, extra drill, support ceiling, half-way down, half-way up, biskut anjing, starlight position, mat straight, forward roll, side roll, star jump, SIGOP dan macam-macam istilah zaman sekolah saya.

Saya bangga dengan sekolah saya seperti Tun bangga dengan KSAH. Alhamdulillah, syukur kerana Malaysia aman damai dan saya dapat merasai nikmat seronoknya bersekolah dala suasana yang sempurna.

Sekian, terima kasih.

By HaNzeM 17Author Profile Page on August 20, 2008 9:51 PM

Asalam Tun... Saya masih lagi belajar di KSAH.. Sekarang saya berada di tingkatan 6 rendah.. saya sangat mengagumi kewibaaan tun.. Disebabkan pentadbiran tun dahulu, saya bersyukur kerana masih dapat menghadiri persekolahan..

Terima Kasih Tun..