

PROTON'S PROGRESS
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1. Since the appointment of Dato Nazmi Salleh as the chairman a lot of improvements have been shown by Proton. It is once again making money. More Proton cars are appearing on the streets, particularly the new Saga, the Persona and the Exora.

2. I was invited to see the new F1 car being developed by Dato Seri Tony Fernandes and Dato Kamaruddin Meranun at the facilities they had acquired in Norwich, England. I had promised to sit in and start the engine of this car if it could be built in the short time they had before the first F1 race in Bahrain in March. I was pleasantly surprised that by the time I arrived on February 22, not only could I sit in the racer and start the engine but the car itself had been undergoing trial races in Spain. They had brought back the car for me to sit in and start the engine. The next day they were to take the car back to Spain for further speed trials.

3. I was glad to see quite a number of Proton engineers working on the production and assembly of the car.

4. The British people were very excited that once again a Lotus car would be in the F1 race. The three drivers were optimistic. The two foreign drivers, Jarno Trulli and Hekki Kovalainen, were very experienced. Fairuz Fauzi our Malaysian driver was the first to test-drive the car in Spain. I hope he would get a chance to drive in the actual race. I wish them the best of luck.

5. My next stop was the Lotus factory where the Elise and Evora sports cars were being produced. Lotus had not done well and was losing money. But the new CEO, Dany Bahar has put new life into the management bringing in experienced people from well-known racing teams and sports car producers.

6. New sports cars were being designed and they looked as good as the Ferraris and the Aston Martins. I test drove a turbo-charged Proton Exora, an electric Tesla which Lotus was building for an American company and the Lotus Evora.

7. A lot of Proton engineers were working with Lotus engineers contributing to the development of Lotus cars.

8. The next day I flew to Turin, Italy to see the lubricant plant which had been bought by Petronas. It was again heartening to see Malaysians among the top executives of the company.

9. The final stop was the design firm of Giugiaro together with Proton which were designing a new small car and a redesigned Persona for Proton. Some 20 Malaysian designers and engineers were working on these projects together with the Italians.

10. It may be remembered that one of the objectives of going into the automotive industry was to develop Malaysia's engineering capability. Seeing all these Malaysians in the development of sophisticated automotive designing and engineering work seems to indicate that we have largely acquired engineering design, development and production to put us on the road to becoming a developed country.

11. Some people said that the price of cars in Malaysia is very high because the Government is protecting Proton. Actually the high price is due to the Government's attempt

to discourage petrol guzzling big cars. Whether there is Proton or not Malaysians will pay a high price for their cars. Cheap cars will lead to even worse jams than now.

12. Most people started to own cars only after Proton cars were produced. Such was the increase in the usage of cars that in one 10-year period, Proton cars contributed 18 billion Ringgit towards Government revenue. Considering that the total Government investment was only RM480 million Ringgit in 1984-85, the returns on the investment must be considered very high. The people as a whole must benefit from Government expenditure of this large sum of money.

13. Besides, Proton supports about 300,000 workers, vendors and their families. It produces almost 200,000 cars yearly. If we import foreign cars at RM25,000 per car, the outflow of money would add up to approximately RM5,000,000,000 or five billion Ringgit. Even after deducting some component imports the amount saved in foreign exchange is huge.

14. At one stage there were rumours of an attempt to practically bankrupt Proton so as to sell it off cheaply. This was what happened to Agusta. Proton has assets which the buyers can develop profitably. But I am glad that these are just rumours and no one talks about it anymore. If a person looks at the whole picture he will appreciate that Proton is too valuable an asset to sell for RM4.

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By parchyAuthor Profile Page on April 2, 2010 10:33 PM

Dear Dr Mahathir,

i'd work a while in PROTON R&D Division in Facilities Dep supporting the research activities. Yes you are right. As a malaysian, i am proud to see lot of passion our own engineers designing and working from shop floor to top for production of proton cars. i'd been to one production line which was a handmade production chain, it was lotus car production if im not mistaken and i met the tech and engineers who were there.

i shortly experienced dealing with ixora engineers for presentation of royal visit to the R&D and have a change to look into the initial design of ixora as well other stuffs in the workshop. it was amazing to see their professionalism and creativity. the VDP programme also worked well as meet the national agenda requirement. actually they can do more better for other models, perhaps due to other consequence and priority, they had to optimized to make the margin and sustain the business.

yes, i also agree there are lot of improvement need to be made. perhaps paultan or other should be expert on this hehe. what i can lastly comment, despite up and down, PROTON is persevere and resilience by their own way. not only that, the people matter also must be looked into seriously especially to the loyal technician in the workshop/production lines. like hassan merican

ever said in one of his policy address, "people is the biggest asset in a company .."

hoping their current undergoing change management programme will put their level par with other player and successful company.

PROTON is one of your best contribution to Malaysia by looking it holistically from economy, capability and credibility points of view, despite other cons.

Thanks! Rgrds

By terroristAuthor Profile Page on March 31, 2010 7:32 PM

TUN,

pls explain to me why proton selling cheap in other country?why malaysian been burden with higher price of its own national car?pls explain to make me think that government is not taking advantage of its own RAKYAT...

By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 1:38 AM

Dear YAB Tun, salam bahagia harap sihat sejahtera.Kiriman saya dgn izin..

.....KAMBING BOER DAN KAMBING BIRI BIRI

US, Korea, Japan protects their local companies (from foreign competition) equally without discrimination. M'sia protects Proton (one company only) by tying up other local players. Can Korea have Hyundai, Kia, Samsung or Japan Toyota, Honda, Nissan if they protected only one company and bind everybody else?

Restrictions on imports are understandable to protect local industry, but to suppress other local players (CKD) or choke off same privileges to other local companies?

.....TAXES OR TAXING

High taxes to discourage car ownership, reduce oil consumption is hollow justification for Proton. The huge amount of tax rebates (exemption) given to Proton pales in comparison to the oil subsidy to big cc cars. Proton paid 18bil tax despite subsidy from govt! Imagine the lost taxes?

The increased number of lower cc car sales (tax exemption for Proton), consumes more than what is saved from big cc import restrictions. Masuk angin keluar asap! If you want to reduce congestion, cut fuel subsidy, save foreign exchange, tax everybody equally!

Import duties are legitimate tax. Giving exemption to Proton (not the whole local industry) is unfairly taxing the others.

By mofaz0880Author Profile Page on March 20, 2010 5:48 AM

1) PROTECTIONISM

Why do you guys condemning gov for protecting Proton? why not condemn US gov for protecting GM and other giants with trillions of dollars? Explain to me why we can't protect proton and give them room for improvement?

Japanese did the same thing in 1930s. Now they're the largest in the world.

Korean did the same thing in 1960s. Now they're 4th largest in the world.

If Japanese and Korean have similar mentality like those bashers here, we will never have Honda, Toyota, Hyundai or Kia now.... why?

imagine if Japanese & Korean president/prime minister in 1930-1970 say:

"why bother develop our own car? why bother creating Automotive Act? we can simply build assembly plants for GM, Ford and Chrysler here..."

Ford, GM and Chrysler produced 208,000 cars between 1925 and 1935, while Japanese domestic manufacturers produced only 12,000 units, a mere 5%. However, the "Big Three" were forced to stop production and withdraw in 1939 after only 14 years in Japan with the passage of the Automobile Manufacturing Industries Act which aimed to eliminate dependence on foreign manufacturers for reasons of "national security".

Anybody could explain why this couldn't be considered as protectionism?

Thai government banned CBU imports and increased import duty on CKD in 1978, why? imports was far greater than exports and causing trade deficit. Car manufacturers have to build CKD assembly plants to sell cars in Thailand. They are also required to use 20-50% local parts even though parts produced in Japan are cheaper than Thai. I think Toyota & Honda fanboys would still think this is a "fair" policy. But I do feel if Malaysia took similar steps as Thailand (disallowing imports of cars to allow Proton to grow), many people here will shout "gov is unfair".

Don't just bashing here for your own personal gain but forgetting about the country as a whole.

2) TAX

There is a reason why tax implemented. Singapore tax is very high. The reasons could be to reduce oil imports and avoiding jams by reducing cars on the road. Exora is RM70k here but RM170k in Singapore.

From what I read, Malaysia has similar reasons. To avoid trade deficit, to reduce jams, and to reduce spending on oil subsidy (currently RM5 billion per year) by discouraging big cc cars.

It's completely different in Saudi Arabia. Saudi exports 10 million barrels per day, compared to 300,000 barrels from Malaysia. That's 3.5 billion barrels in a year! Saudi Arabia is not bothered about import tax because they earn RM700 BILLION from oil exports. Malaysia only get RM20 billion.

But here's an interesting question:

Camry 2.4 costs RM140K in Thai but only RM80K in Saudi, and the funny thing is the car originated from Thai... why is that?

I'll let you come up with your assumption.

By saatchamAuthor Profile Page on March 19, 2010 5:37 PM

salam Tun

sy sbg anak Malaysia berbangga dgn proton
dr saga hinggalah skrg sy masih mgunakan kereta Proton wlupun mmpunyai kelemahan dan
kekurangan berbanding kereta jenama lain..
sy bgga memandu Proton...malah Bilionair Syed Bukahri juga menaiki Proton.
Moga proton maju jaya...

Lov Proton means Lov Malaysia...

By Khairul-DeanAuthor Profile Page on March 18, 2010 2:12 PM

YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad,
Salaams

UK to produce Nissan electric car

Nissan is to build its new electric car at its Sunderland plant, the Japanese company has announced.

Production of the Leaf, which runs entirely on lithium-ion batteries, will begin in 2013 and forms part of a £420m investment in electric cars.,

The production of about 50,000 a year at the factory is expected to safeguard hundreds of jobs.

The investment is backed by a £20.7m government grant and up to £220m from the European Investment Bank.

'Vote of confidence'

Business Secretary Lord Mandelson said the latest development was a "fantastic vote of confidence in the Sunderland plant and its excellent workforce".

Sunderland had already been named as the site to produce Nissan's electric car batteries, creating 350 new jobs. About 60,000 will be made there when production begins next month.

Lord Mandelson said: "By working together we can achieve our aim of making the UK a world-leader in ultra-low carbon vehicles."

Nissan said the Leaf hatchback would be the world's first affordable mass-produced zero emission car.

Senior vice president Andy Palmer said it would go on sale later this year and the UK was the third country to produce it after Japan and the United States.

Nissan's Sunderland plant is the UK's largest car factory, employing 4,000 people and producing

about a third of the cars made in the UK.

It was founded in 1984 and built its five millionth vehicle in June 2008.

The car battery programme has already seen Nissan invest £179m there.

Last year, Nissan's chief executive Carlos Ghosn underlined his company's commitment to its electric cars programme.

"The electric car will account for 10% of the global market in 10 years," he told BBC News.

The firm has not yet revealed how much the car will cost.

ANALYSIS

By Jorn Madslie, business reporter, BBC News Nissan had already said that it would invest some 200m euros in a battery factory near its Sunderland manufacturing plant, yet it was never a given that the company would also produce its Leaf electric car here too. Its investment in the region is now set to be doubled.

The North East's efforts to gear up its electric motoring infrastructure and the UK government's recent decision to subsidise buyers of electric cars to the tune of £5,000 obviously helped the Japanese automotive giant make up its mind.

But in the end, the right to produce the car and thus secure thousands of jobs in an otherwise economically depressed region was earned by the Nissan factory's management and workers.
By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on March 13, 2010 12:39 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By 6 Jahanam on March 8, 2010 8:03 AM
HBT

Your jealous comment on Tun of his Trial of Car flown for him
was indeed very rude.It was not ask by Tun...

SDR. 6 JAHANAM,
TUAN TERSILAP FAHAM. ADIK 'HBT' KAMI TIDAK PERNAH CEMBURU APATAH
LAGI KURANG AJAR KEPADA AYAHANDA TUN YANG KAMI SAYANGI.. SENTIASA.

KOMEN YANG TUAN MAKSUDKAN ADALAH HASIL PEMIKIRAN SEORANG
'MUTTAL' (KELDAI) YANG BERFIKIR/BERCAKAP MELALUI DUBUR NYA DAN ADIK
HBT KAMI HANYA MENJAWAB NYA (on March 5, 2010 8:31 PM) SEPERTI BERIKUT:-

Dear gunse007,

Kalau tak faham tanyalah orang, bacalah satu kali lagi apakah maksud tersiratnya,

Ha....Ha....Ha....

WE BELIEVE SDR. 6 JAHANAM OWES OUR ADIK HBT AN APOLOGY.

ALFATIHAAH, AMIN.

Ps. One for All and All for One..

By faaAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2010 1:07 PM

Dearest Tun,

I don't understand why some people are questioning the government's protection over Proton. Surely one would protect their own children over others. Look at South Korea for instance, just see how fiercely they protect Hyundai. So, why can't we do the same?

Stay healthy.

By smarthasinAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2010 11:09 AM

Ask Tun!

Sebagaimana kita ketahui banyak sangat komen berkenaan kualiti kereta nasional kita Proton. Apa yang membimbangkan tiada satu saluran pun untuk menerima aduan dan mengambil tindakan secara aktif untuk memastikan kualiti kereta proton terus meningkat. oleh itu untuk memantau isu ini saya cadangkan agar para pengguna proton bersatu dibawah satu persatuan .

Dengan adanya persatuan yang sah disisi undang2 kita mampu bertindak dengan lebih produktif demi memastika proton akan terus dihati rakyat serta menjadi kebanggaan diseluruh dunia.

Sesiapa yang bersedia untuk merealisasikan cadangan in sila hubungi saya ;- email hasinhassansalamat@gmail.com atau 013-7007368.

Wassalam

smarthasin

By ex-mrsmAuthor Profile Page on March 10, 2010 9:17 AM

MALAYSIA ADA:

PUTRAJAYA

CYBERJAYA

KLIA

LITAR SEPANG

KLCC

MENARA KL

LEBUHRAYA UTARA-SELATAN

AIR ASIA YG TERKENAL DI SELURUH DUNIA

MALAYSIA AIRLINE SYSTEM

PROTON
PERODUA
NAZA
MODENAS
UEM
PETRONAS
TEROWONG SMART
JAMBATAN PULAU PINANG
ANGKASAWAN
ASTRO
JIMMY CHOO
MICHELLE YEOH

DAN PEMIMPIN PALING BERWAWASAN:TUN DR. MAHATHIR

SAYA BANGGA MENJADI ANAK MALAYSIA!!!

By Khairul-DeanAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2010 10:29 PM

YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir,
Salaams

What Will They Need To Do To Bring Back The Good Brand Name

What actually happened at the Toyota plant, Tun, I wonder; bad promo for Toyota hybrid:

Prius with stuck accelerator glides to safe stop

EL CAJON, Calif. – A California Highway Patrol officer helped slow a runaway Toyota Prius from 94 mph to a safe stop on Monday after the car's accelerator became stuck on a San Diego County freeway, the CHP said.

Prius driver James Sikes called 911 about 1:30 p.m. after accelerating to pass another vehicle on Interstate 8 near La Posta and finding that he could not control his car, the CHP said.

"I pushed the gas pedal to pass a car and it did something kind of funny... it jumped and it just stuck there," the 61-year-old driver said at a news conference. "As it was going, I was trying the brakes...it wasn't stopping, it wasn't doing anything and it just kept speeding up," Sikes said, adding he could smell the brakes burning he was pressing the pedal so hard.

A patrol car pulled alongside the Prius and officers told Sikes over a loudspeaker to push the brake pedal to the floor and apply the emergency brake.

"They also got it going on a steep upgrade," said Officer Jesse Udovich. "Between those three things, they got it to slow down."

After the car decelerated to about 50 mph, Sikes turned off the engine and coasted to a halt.

The officer then maneuvered his car in front of the Prius as a precautionary block, Udovich said.

In a statement, Toyota said it has dispatched a field technical specialist to San Diego to investigate the incident.

Toyota has recalled some 8.5 million vehicles worldwide — more than 6 million in the United States — since last fall because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius.

Toyota owners have complained of their vehicles speeding out of control despite efforts to slow down, sometimes resulting in deadly crashes. The government has received complaints of 34 deaths linked to sudden acceleration of Toyota vehicles since 2000.

One of the crashes claimed the life of a CHP officer last August.

Off-duty CHP Officer Mark Saylor was killed along with his wife, her brother and the couple's daughter after their Lexus' accelerator got stuck in La Mesa.

The Toyota-manufactured loaner vehicle slammed into a sport utility vehicle at about 100 mph, careened off the freeway, hit an embankment, overturned and burst into flames.

Feel free to edit, Tun.

By Mag58Author Profile Page on March 9, 2010 5:36 PM

Tun,

Allow me please.

gunse007,

Correct me if I am wrong.If I am not mistaken,you were the one that irritatingly suggested to Tun to close down this blog and go home and play with his' grandchildren as you are really really sick with all the comments given by Pro-Mahathirism.Suprisingly,browsing through this topic,I saw that you were the one giving the most contribution with all erratic and negative comments all the way.

Please be shameful,it looks like you are behaving exactly as'hidung tak mancing,pipi tersorong-sorong'.Tun don't close down the blog,don't reply to all your baseless accusations and now instead you were the one that are unwelcomingly giving all sort of sick comments.Why not I suggest that instead of him closing down the blog,you stay away from this blog instead.

You are very psychotic and fall into tantrum unnecessarily.If you are Muslim,Beristigfar

please. That help.

By gunse007 Author Profile Page on March 9, 2010 4:06 PM

Li,

you said

At first I did not care about this gunse007 but then when I read on his comments I find that this person is fond of confronting others with his shallow thinking and his personal attitude portraying seemingly like someone learned and knowledgeable but yet not.

This person seems to have a personality problem being in an ethnic group that is very vague and from country of origin unknown. If the person is from India then I would say that the person lacks the ingredients of a true Indian which will have the module of the Great Mathama Gandhi. I am sure

just one question, from the scale of 1 to 10 (1 is the worst), how do you think mahathir compare with mahatma gandhi (or mandela or martin luther king), since you brought up the name.

I wont even give 1 if it cant go any lower. I am sure you will give 10 for mahathir even when all ppl know he dont deserve it.

thats ayahanda for you...

i will give 8.5 to lim guan eng (for kes ISA rahim thambi chik)

i will give 8 to anwar ibrahim (if he jailed again, i will give 9 or 10)

By samuraimelayu Author Profile Page on March 9, 2010 2:31 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG

AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN

IZINKAN,

By HBT on March 5, 2010 8:31 PM

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Ketua JAIS instructed Selangor halal logo is a must for restaurant operators in Selangor. They must apply through JAIS or JAKIM, not through the other 6 Halal logo Administrators and given them 3 months to settle the new cases. What took him so long to annouce this decision? Nanti rakyat akar umbi salah faham dan marah JAIS (Muslim) ini suka flip & flop.. tak baik dan tidak adil kepada muslim yang betul2 muslim like abg samuraimelayu, kamal ahmad and owlz, etc..

ADIKKU HBT,

SALAM HORMAT DAN TERIMA KASIH ATAS PANDANGAN ADIK.

MOHD KUSHRIN IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND A DOWN TO EARTH 'DATUK' WHO HEADS THE JAIS (CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTEE) WHICH IS UNDER THE AMBIT OF THE MAIS (RULER APPOINTEES) WHOSE BLESSINGS DATUK MOHD KUSHRIN HAD TO SEEK BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS EFFECTING THE 'UMMAH'..

AND FOR MOST OF US THE 'BETUL' MUSLIM(ADIK WAJAPERAK & PROF RIDCULLY

FOR SPECIAL MENTION), WE WILL JOURNEY WITHIN THE 'TRUTH' OF THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH SWT ON THIS 'TESTING' AND WILL BE DOOMED EARTH AND BEG FOR FORGIVENESS FOR ALL OUR SINS (TO ERR IS HUMAN) AND SEEK FOR THE ALMIGHTY'S DIVINE LOVE (TO LOVE DEVINE) WITH THE HOPE TO BE ACCEPTED AS ONE OF HIS SUBJECTS (HAMBAA) IN ETERNAL HEAVEN.

MAY OUR ADIK AND THE PEACE LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD BE ON THE SAME 'TRAIN' TO ETERNITY..GOD WILLING

ALFATIHAAH, AMIN

Ps..Adik Wajaperak & the Prof Ridcully, jangan di layan sangat lah orang2 yang 'isin'. Manusia (belum sampai tahap insan) sedemikian rupa, setiap hari melihat diri mereka dicerminkan tetapi tidak sadar akan rupa rangka diri mereka..

JASAD yang tersurat(Bernafsu)..NUR yang tersirat(Beriman)..Kalau mereka itu 'betul' Muslim maka kena fahamkan betul2 Dua Kalimah dalam Shahadat 'La Ilaha Il ALLAH (Alif, Lam, Lam, Ha), MUHAMMAD (Mim, Ha, Mim, Dal) Rasul ALLAH...barulah mereka tahu mengapa setiap umat Islam wajib menerima FIRMAN ALLAH SWT dan HADITH RASULULLAH SAW untuk KESEMPURNAAN hidup didunia dan akhirat... Amin.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2010 10:11 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

May I....,

//By wajaperak on March 7, 2010 2:34 PM
Semoga mendapat izin dan perkenan Tun..

[[HBT
tak baik dan tidak adil kepada muslim yang betul2 muslim like abg samuraimelayu, kamal ahmad and owlz, etc....]]

Aiyah HBT..me and Prof Ridcully have been fried in defending Islam here in Tun Blog and yet does not deserves mention as "betul2 muslim?"..

Apa lah you..by the way..we would like your opinion on Shaikino and the three stooges sometimes..

Terima kasih Tun..//

Dear wajarperak,

I am not a muslim and no good in bahasa melayu dan bahasa agama because I ini 'cina pisang', yellow outside, putih inside.... Matters pertaining to religion, I prefer not to touch on it because I respect human rights and freedom of expression & religion, and to me, religion is a personal.

Nevertheless, thank you for the comment. Transparency means we cannot see through because of

P&C, integrity, accountability and it has nothing to do with competent. It may be nice of you care to explain why 6 Jahanam took my comment on gunse007 so racist???? We are in Global Market, One Malaysia, One World, One Climate, aren't we Satu Malaysia??

//By 6 Jahanam on March 8, 2010 8:03 AM

HBT

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was indeed very rude.It was not ask by Tun.
It was an honor given for Tun.

You are not offered the honor because
you are a basic bottom line pest.//

Good day Ayahanda Tun, and you too wajarperak.

P.S. By me on March 7, 2010 2:31 AM

Hi, me, the answer is sama-sama pity lah. If we insist on "cari tulang di dalam telur" we are preventing and delaying 'ourselves' because 'mother nature' and science have proven that there would never ever be a 'tulang' in 'telur', unless you put it in to 'con/tipu' us.

By teh_tarikAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2010 11:17 AM

salam Tun dan rakan2,

jenama proton mmg mnjdi kebanggaan rakyat msia.kebanjiran jenama ni kt atas jalanraya dpt dilihat. mana2 pn ada ja kreta proton.

ini hanya pndpt peribadi sy ja.di pndgn mata sy yg berusia setahun jagung ni mengatakan bhwa penampilan fizikal jenama trsebut sudah menampakkan xkukuh.sy x mmbesar di luar negara utk buat prbandingan dengan kreta2 luar negara. xboleh nk terangkn tang mana yg xkukuhnya.tp sy adlh penumpang kereta msia krn mak sy dan kakak sy ada kreta tu.dr sekecik2 smpi sebesar2 saiz lagu tu jgk yg sy nmpk.kita amek lesen kreta pn pki kreta msia kn.hrga murah psai tu la rmai rkyt 'mmpu' beli.tp klu da bli asyik buat hal ja, mau drh tinggi kita ni.klu xciden tu jgn ckp la.sy brsndar kt dinding kreta pn da kemek.kreta msia kita bole setaraf kreta import klu ditingkatkn kualitinya.sy seorg yg memandang kualiti.sy yakin rmai pengguna jg begitu.sy rasa majoriti pmbeli kreta import tu sbb dpa pntingkn kualiti.tp majoriti jgk yg nk menunjuk2.brlagak ja kt atas jln.kita silap skit da kena hon.bila dpa buat silap, lg suka ceq hon.he3.

sy xtau la psai beli kreta ni keperluan ka kehendak.sbgc cth, 1keluarga ada suami, isteri anak di kolej dan anak di sekolah.suami nk p krja pki 1kreta.isteri nk p psr, antr ank p skola pki 1kreta.anak p kolej pki 1 kreta.total 1rumah pki 3kreta.klu ank ramai, bykla kreta tu.klu hlmn rumah bsr xpe. klu dok rumah teres, rasa la bila time perayaan.nk parking dpn ruma pn xbole.itu klu stiap sorg pki 1kreta.klu 1 org yg p opis nek kreta msia, p meeting nek kreta import, p men golf nek kreta import, cmpur ngn anak bini dia punya kreta, mmg tdo dlm kreta la hgpa.beli kreta mcm bli ikan.tp xpa hgpa punya hlmn ruma bsr.

knon hrga kreta mhl sbb nk galakkan rkyt guna pengangkutan awam. niat mmg baik disamping kurangkan kesesakan dan pencemaran.tp klu pengangkutan awam pn mcm ntahape2, mmg org sumpah xmo nek lg kn.klu kt kota pengangkutan awam mcm2 jenis.kt kg xdak lgsg pengangkutan awam.bas kilang ja yg dok lalu lalang.org kg mmg xnaik pengangkutan awam la

kot.dpa suma byk duet bole bli kreta.

maaf jika trkasar bhsa.sekian terima kasih.

By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2010 10:56 AM

Salam Tun

Thank you very much for sharing your experience on the Proton tour with us chedet bloggers.

By 6 JahanamAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2010 8:03 AM

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Second Tun,ya Tun talks about patritic,proton,etc.

It is general matter that touches on our activity in Malaysia and surroundings.Why,you want us to talk about your mother,ha.

Let us know the details.It should be an interesting topic.

By Khairul-DeanAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2010 3:40 AM

YABhg Dr Mahathir Mohamad,

Salams

1. Just to share with you a nice article and keep the know how of linking alive:
Transform How We Fly

2. How is the Eagle airplane doing, Tun? I love flying.

Terma kasih and stay healthy.

ps waiting for the concept electric car for the Perdana. Lotus is tied up with Toyota is it for their compact electric speedster, I gather.

By MalayJessyJamesAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2010 1:55 AM

Dear Tun,

Now i'm in Brunei... last i has been in Saudi... After all this my working trip with UEM Builder... i'm really proud to be Malaysian... i'm praying for bright future for Malaysian...

wish u good luck... we steel need ur ideas...

By liAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2010 6:08 PM

My Dearest Tun Always,

At first I did not care about this gunse007 but then when I read on his comments I find that this person is fond of confronting others with his shallow thinking and his personal attitude portraying seemingly like someone learned and knowledgeable but yet not.

This person seems to have a personality problem being in an ethnic group that is very vague and from country of origin unknown. If the person is from India then I would say that the person lacks the ingredients of a true Indian which will have the module of the Great Mathama Gandhi. I am sure the person is not the Malaysian Indian since the remarks made is unbecoming of a Malaysian.

It is sad for the whole Indian community here in Malaysia to have themselves associated with someone that wants to reflect the stand and thinking of true Malaysian as well as Indians in India.

I would suggest that this person have a blog and spells out then we will know the facts of the matter.

I would like to bring to the attention of gunse007 that the great Mathma Gandhi also made mistakes in his life time and so does the brits who took everything of what is rightfully Indians and yet they are still being portrayed as Master.

Most of the subsidy provided by the government are for the people regardless and the big chunk is PETROL and if you view the Malaysian roads then you will wonder who gets the big chunk of it.

Europe and America provides high subsidy to their farming industry and if you would want to argue then we can say that farmers in Europe and America are a worthless lot right? they are just like the Malays as everyone seems to portray, but then who are the farmers that provided vegetables for the markets and Hyper markets in Malaysia? so why don't you focus your worse enemies that way?

If you want to view it in a different context then it would be good if you make a case study of why these government of European countries and America having a master plan for their farming industry. Have you viewed the China government policy for their Industries in providing subsidies?

A story for you since I have Indians friends all my life working and social that is:- A policeman looking at a bloodied Indian which he rescued from a wreck car at a round about somewhere in Shah Alam on a drizzling Friday night. The police man was trying to wipe of blood that was all over the Indian guy but he was asked to stop abruptly by the Indian guy indicating that he would sue the policeman for harassment since there is body contact, so the policeman instead asked the Indian man some questions to make sure that the guy does not have brain damage or something to the matter. The first question that came from the policeman is that how in the world that the Indian guy car shoot straight into the round about and smack right into a big tree in the middle and the answer given by the Indian guy is simple, " when I came to the junction of the round about suddenly the round about came to me, I will sue the local council for negligence, the police

for harassment, the Malaysian government for attempted murder and the prime minister for being incompetent. I rest my case.

By wajaperakAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2010 2:34 PM

Semoga mendapat izin dan perkenan Tun..

[[HBT

tak baik dan tidak adil kepada muslim yang betul2 muslim like abg samuraimelayu, kamal ahmad and owlz, etc....]]

Aiyah HBT..me and Prof_Ridcully have been fried in defending Islam here in Tun Blog and yet does not deserves mention as "betul2 muslim?"..

Apa lah you..by the way..we would like your opinion on Shaikino and the three stooges sometimes..

Terima kasih Tun..

By liAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2010 1:15 PM

My Dearest Tun Always,

Again and again you have proof your abilities as a man of wisdom visioning for the country and again many wants to deny this of you.

When you created PROTON as the national car entity, many amongst the learned, the scholars, business analyst, political analyst, business community, politician and many more came out in full force condemning you and yet these are the same people giving you credit of the success of a national brand that has transform the country.

Along the creation of the national car, you planned support industries in creating an economic platform for the nation. The next thing for all the professionals that took the helm managing these entity should have the vision like yours to have continuity in planning for the future and strategies like in all other business entity.

We hope to see more people like Dato' Nazmi Salleh taking the industry further of its potentials and we hope that all the political appointments meets the criteria.

We cant deny further that what you gave to the nation and what good came from it, its just not PROTON workers alone but its over whelming to say that it is in the form of providing ongoing opportunities to millions of rakyat and thousands of supports industries.

I hope people can view it openly in the form of laymen, do not deny a persons contribution for the country and its not only about the Malays that PROTON is created, its for the nation. Broad your mind view the Malaysian roads, view the industry and see for your self who profit more

from it? MAHATIR MOHAMED THE LEGEND.

By JamesLabuAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2010 7:43 AM

Di Singapura

Kereta 10tahun mati dulu,Tuan punya belum mati mati,

Di Malaysia Tuan mati dahulu,kereta tak mati mati.

Kerajaan Malaysia,Jepun,Korea dan pembuat kereta yg lain,
bikin kereta susah payah,mengaturkan technology,mengadakan modal yg besar,untung sebiji
kereta mungkin Rm5000-

Kerajaan Singapura tak payah susah payah,
keluar satu kertas Coe dah sah untung bersih

SinDollar \$30000 hingga \$50000-

Sekitar Rm 70000 hingga 100000-/ rm sebiji kereta.

Singapura tak bikin rokok untung satu kotak \$10-sin / rm 22.

Pembuat rokok hanya untuk mungkin 20c hingga rm 50c sekotak.

Singapur jual air Johor berdolar US,

Malaysia jual kat Singapura 3c Rm.

Hai Hai BENGAP Sungguh pemimpin Melayu.

Gantikan Yahudi Sudah

By meAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2010 2:31 AM

Hi, Tun & Others

Dear HBT,

I'm the man who has no plenty of time to comment in Tun's blog..It's not more than 10 i
supposed..Most of my comment not against Tuns' accept when it's about proton.Tun issue on
proton that I followed was only 3. So is it really complaint..complaint? Don't waste your 'air liur'
then, because it's damn smellier than Porky Pigs'.

I'm not literally saying proton is such a waste(I was once saying that the quality of Gen-2 is not
that bad compare to Vios in commenting Malaysian perception towards Malaysian product)..

My idea was:

It's hard for a middle class person to own a car..Some might say, "lot of people out there still can
afford what"..Yes..but still, to consider to have a quality life and fulfill other basic needs, we're
in a such big loss whereby some of us not even realize it..

What alternative we have?..Do we have a good public transportation system?..

The vision of Proton suppose to have is pursuing happiness to peoples..I mean majority of
people..A true happiness of Malaysian is to have a better quality of life. As such, to blindly bear
to support "things" as patriotic without considering what's the actual result(to majorities)is
daydreaming. Tun once said Japanese may able to sell their car cheaper because their market is
overwhelming while proton still need the on going protection(this much-until now-this much) to
stay put in this niche. And now, Tun says it has something to do with the petrol guzzling
issue..Do you really buy it..I suppose you are smart person dude..Are you in the automotive
industry? Do you really know what's really happening? Tun actually knows it..I'm still waiting

for his genuine explanation.

If just in terms of language of Vision & Patriotic you want to doubt me, I really pity you then...:)

Regards

HRS

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2010 7:03 PM

Dear Ayahanda Tun,

May....,,

//By JJJ on March 6, 2010 1:53 PM

salam Tun,

what a crap from gunse007...petrol prices in Thailand cheap ah?cheaper than Malaysia?

Jeng3//

Dear JJJ,

What to do, this gunse 007 (7=PKR members?) has no choice kerana mungkin berasa takut hilang rezeki tidak diizinkan Tuhan. Now quite a number of MPs are frog diving and jumping due to our Government TAK NAK petrol dipakai warga asing. I dengar petrol yang dikeluarkan dari negara kita ini secara haram adalah dalam bentuk kapal besar (beribu2 ton). Since we have a highly advance submarine which can dive now, it is time for our Government to regulate and monitor these inappropriate behaviour eg:- petrol (oil) smuggling. Maybe this is the reason why petrol price is cheaper in Thailand.

Take care Ayahanda Tun.

P.S. By Ezri on March 6, 2010 3:48 PM

The current management is definitely better than the 'old wine' from the 90's. These 'old wine' are chosen not because they are good, they are chosen because they can talk. Consumers are smarter and wiser than those in the 90's, lu tak ke?

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 6, 2010 5:15 PM

this country is a low income nation and will get worse unless better people become ministers.

the fact is thailand, spore and indonesia can pay for higher petrol prices is a fact that their spending power is better than here.

just afraid, robert mugabe of zimbabwe will like to live here 10yrs from now when these both countries reach parity.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 6, 2010 5:12 PM

JJJ,

what a crap....

don't u understand english or are you the PPSMI gang??

i said the car prices in thailand and indonesia are way cheaper than in malaysia.

the petrol prices in thailand and indonesia are higher than malaysia.

in fact thailand petrol is 76% more expensive than malaysia.

go and check it out.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gasoline_and_diesel_usage_and_pricing#Average_gasoline_prices_around_the_world

By anakbudu3 Author Profile Page on March 6, 2010 5:05 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahnda Tun & Bonda,

izinkan anaknda,

betul tu kekanda ahmadkamal, ramai sgt yg tidak pandai menjaga tuturkata terhadap org tua terutamanya anak2muda yg masuk ke blog Tun semata2 dgn hajat menghina, mencaci & tak habis2 menyindir, mengutuk, mengata bahkan ada yg meletakkan kesemua keburukan yg berlaku di negara ini ke atas Tun! rasa bijak sgtla mereka tu!

tanyalah diri anda sendiri yg terlalu suka sgt menghentam Tun, dapatkah anda lakukan lebih baik dari apa yg telah Tun buat utk negara kita tercinta ini? kalau setakat nak menyalahkan Tun semata2, tak payahlah.

ada yg mengaku engineer itu ini, cubalah rekabentuk, ubahsuai atau cadangkan mekanisma bagaimana nak atasi masalah power window yg anda bangkitkan berkali2 tu? nama saja ir, engineer tapi cakap tak serupa bikin. kalau masuk sini kata ka Tun 'saya dah berjaya merekacipta satu alat yg boleh melancarkan power window tu Tun!' barulah boleh mendabik dada. tu pun, kalau org beriman mereka tidak akan mendabik dada sebaliknya bersujud & syukur kpd Tuhan kerana diberikan akal utk membawa kebaikan kpd semua. ini tidak, suka mendabik dada kerana pandai mengkritik & menghentam sj.

kalau tak suka proton, tak payah beli, tak payah hentamla kerana ramai lagi org lain yg suka & cintakan barangan buatan negara sendiri. tak ada orang paksa anda beli proton pun. kalau anda terpaksa beli juga kerana bajet ciput, TERPAKSALAH anda telan sj, jgn la marah2. takkanla pakai proton rasa macam pakai bmw? terimalah hakikat kekurangan diri. bersyukur kerana itu sj yg anda mampu. kalau tak suka jugak, nasib...

saya tabik kepada jurutera2 automobil negara kita kerana berjaya menghasilkan kereta berjenama negara yg setanding dgn jenama luar negara. kereta2 buatan luar negarapun ada kesilapan &

terpaksa di tarik balik dari pasaran, di ganti alat & sebagainya, apa nak pelik dgn proton yg baru 25 tahun berada di pasaran? orgmuda umur 25 tahun sempurna sangatkah perlakuan mereka? orgtua 52 tahun pun ada yg tak sempurna!!! kita masih perlu bertatih dan belajar memperbaiki & mempertingkatkan pengeluaran kereta negara kita. apa salahnya kita terus belajar & mengiktiraf dayausaha pintar jurutera2 kita, menghargai kebolehan mereka & membantu memberikan pendapat2 yg baik? ini masalahnya. jika barang luar, rosakpun sanggup terima kerana duit dah banyak dilabur. tapi kalau jenama kita sendiri susah nak terima, dasar lidah bercabang.

satu lagi, kalau nak kata Tun yang salah, menyebabkan ramai pengguna proton mati dijalanraya kerana mutu kereta proton tidak setanding kenderaan lain, boleh tak kita jugak salahkan pemimpin negara lain yg tidak secara langsung menjadi penasihat dlm industri negara mereka, jika kereta BMW, mercedes, nissan, toyota & jenama2 lain menyebabkan ramai jugak yg maut dlm kemalangan menggunakan kenderaan2 tersebut? tentunya tidak kerana mereka ini mempunyai dasar lidah bercabang, manusia yg sengaja suka mencemuh barangan negara sendiri & meletakkan segala kesalahan pd Tun semata2. tidakkah kemalangan kebanyakannya hasil dari kelalaian/kecuai pemandu? bawak kereta kebal pun boleh maut jika kepala otak pemandu dirasuk semasa memandu!!! cuai, laju, mengantuk, mabuk, berlumba, perasan hebat...banyak punca2 lain...

mereka tak pernah menghargai jasa yg Tun lakukan kepada negara. saya rasa mereka ini juga jenis yg tidak tahu menjaga tuturkata mereka kpd org tua mereka sendiri, guru2, ustaz2, org2 tua di sekeliling mereka, kawan rakan atau sesiapa shj. mereka lebih menjunjung budaya barat yg mengajar anak2 muda bersikap kurang hajar terhadap org tua. tengok sjlah sitcom tv yg terlalu menonjolkan kebiadapan anak2 muda terhadap org di sekeliling mereka hatta ibubapa mereka sendiripun. menyampah sgt jika tertengok sitcom2 berbaur kurang hajar ni kerana pembentukan peribadi anak2 mudah terjejas dgn perkara2 begini.

kepada anak2muda yg suka menghina, menyindir Tun @ sesiapa sj yg anda suka semata2 kerana menganggap anda sj yg betul, tunggulah masa anda akan tiba suatu hari nanti. jika anda percaya hukum karma (kerana kami percaya qada&qadha' Tuhan), 'life is a circle, young man, your day as an old person will come, definitely & at that time you'll be facing the worse if not the same thing- being ignored & jeered by others...' jika selama hidup, anda tidak pernah menghargai org tua anda, menghargai jasa pemimpin2, guru2, ketua tempat kerja atau sesiapa saja org keliling anda, masa anda kan sampai jua.

Tun telah menjalankan tugasnya sebagai PM & selama itulah Tun telah berusaha membawa berbagai kejayaan kpd negara, bangsa & agamanya. buktinya terlalu banyak, lihatlah di keliling kita. rasanya yg terbaik telah diberikan Tun sehingga kita merasa banyak nikmat hasil dari pemerintahan Tun. tak tahulah kalau ada org yg tidak langsung merasa kebaikan2 itu. kalau tak merasa mungkin mereka ini tidak tinggal dinegara ini @ sengaja bersikap hipokrit...ntah apa yg mereka fikirkan, manusia yg tak reti bersyukur...

anaknda & ramai lagi peminat setia Ayahnda yg lain sentiasa mendoakan kebaikan utk Ayahnda berbanding mereka yg suka bersahabat dgn syaitan & menghina, menghentam Ayahnda. moga2 sebahagian kita & anakcucu kita tidak termasuk dlm golongan pengikut iblis.

semoga Ayahnda Tun & Bonda dalam peliharaan Allah SWT selalu hendaknya, InsyaAllah.

Wassalam.

just my brain wave...

By EzriAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2010 3:48 PM

So you're admitting that he's doing a better job than your Tengku Mahaleel????

By JJJAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2010 1:53 PM

salam Tun,

what a crap from gunse007...petrol prices in Thailand cheap ah?cheaper than Malaysia?

Jeng3

By ex-mrsmAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2010 9:03 AM

assalamualaikum Tun..

Semoga Tun dan isteri sihat sejahtera hendaknya.

Saya sebagai salah seorang rakyat Malaysia cukup berbangga dengan Proton..semasa saya belajar di mrsm muar dahulu bersama-sama sheikh muzaffar shukor yg ketika itu beliau juga merupakan rakan sekelas saya,kami cukup teruja apabila Malaysia telah berjaya mengeluarkan kereta nasional buatannya sendiri..kini setelah hampir 30 tahun proton ditubuhkan, banyak kemajuan yang telah dicapai..antara kereta proton yg menjadi kebanggaan saya sebagai rakyat Malaysia ialah proton Perdana V6..saya mempunyai ramai rakan di Singapura yg memiliki proton Perdana. Mereka mengatakan bahawa kereta tersebut setanding dengan kereta-kereta mewah yg lain seperti BMW dan Mercedes. Saya percaya pasti ada di kalangan anda yg tidak mempercayainya tetapi hakikatnya inilah yg diberitahu oleh rakyat Singapura yg dikenali dengan sifat egonya yg tinggi. Tidak malukah kita sebagai rakyat Malaysia yg selalu MERENDAH-RENDahkan MARTABAT KERETA NASIONAL??? Sedangkan rakyat Singapura pun memuji-muji kereta kita..sedarlah wahai rakyat Malaysia..contohilah rakyat Korea dan Jepun yg menyokong penuh penggunaan kereta nasional mereka..sebab itulah kereta mereka terkenal di seantero dunia dek kerana sokongan padu rakyatnya..lihat saja di jalan-jalan raya di Jepun dan Korea, amat sukar untuk melihat kereta-kereta asing berkeliaran..malahan mereka menganggap sesiapa yg menggunakan kereta import sebagai tidak patriotik..betapa tingginya semangat nasionalisme yg ada pada mereka..jadi bak kata nabil..LU PIKIRLAH SENDIRI..

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:18 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

May I...,

//By me on March 5, 2010 3:11 AM

Hi, Tun & Others

Again and again...The same old story..Vision --> Patriotic ->Proton

Hey Malaysian...Wake Up!!!...//

Dear me,

Again and again...The same old story..Complaint--> CNN->CNN

Pity you lah, hanging in the AIR with no direction, I am wondering do you know what is the difference between Patriotic and Vision? I better not waste my "air liur" on you, I believe you are direction-less (VISI hilang ke?) that is why you barked here like a poor little scoobie scoobie doooooooooo!

Good night Ayahanda Tun.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 8:31 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

May I....,

//By gunse007 on March 5, 2010 10:23 AM

No. 2 They had brought back the car for me to sit in and start the engine. The next day they were to take the car back to Spain for further speed trials."

what a waste of money again, they bring the car from Spain to England just to let you sit in it and start the engine, then the next day bring it back to Spain for further testing.

that shows how wasteful you are.

dont criticize badawi and khairy when you are just like them or even worse.//

Dear gunse007,

Kalau tak faham tanyalah orang, bacalah satu kali lagi apakah maksud tersiratnya,
Ha....Ha....Ha....

Good night Ayahanda Tun.

P.S. MCA poll is set on March 28, after this election, there will be another election because the losers cannot back off
now..... maybe because of the "Sell Before Build" Concept implemented by who? Ayahanda Tun, you know Lah, siapakah adik-beradik itu.....

Ketua JAIS instructed Selangor halal logo is a must for restaurant operators in Selangor. They

must apply through JAIS or JAKIM, not through the other 6 Halal logo Administrators and given them 3 months to settle the new cases. What took him so long to announce this decision? Nanti rakyat akar umbi salah faham dan marah JAIS (Muslim) ini suka flip & flop.. tak baik dan tidak adil kepada muslim yang betul2 muslim like abg samuraimelayu, kamal ahmad and owlz, etc....
By AdamAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 6:16 PM

Assalamualaikum ayahanda Tun,

Ini adalah catatan sulung saya dalam blog Tun setelah sekian lama mengikuti percambahan idea, baik positif mahupun negatif diblog ini. Saya terpanggil untuk berkongsi pengalaman tentang Proton yang mana menjadi kebanggaan saya mahupun rakyat Malaysia yang lain.

Saya masih ingat lagi ketika mana kereta Proton mula dilancarkan oleh Tun. Pada masa itu saya masih di sekolah menengah. Perasaan bangga terhadap Proton sangat tinggi sehinggakan saya beberapa kali pergi ke showroom Proton di Bandar Jerneh Terengganu semata-mata untuk duduk dan menatap model pertama Proton. Kegilaan ini berterusan setiap kali Proton melancarkan model terbaru. Walaupun masih dibangku sekolah lagi, lagak saya melebihi orang yang ingin membeli kereta. Sejak itu saya berazam untuk memiliki kereta Proton bila tiba masanya nanti.

Alhamdulillah, pada tanggal 8 Ogos 2007 saya berjaya memiliki sebuah kereta Proton Waja 1.6 Automatik BARU dan berharga RM62888.88(kereta pertama yer). Saat yang paling mengembirakan ialah apabila menerima kunci kereta daripada jurujual Proton dan memandu pulang kerumah buat pertama kali. Maklum ler kereta pertama katakan.

Maka bermulalah detik-detik hitam bersama Proton sehinggalah kesaat ini. Berikut adalah kronologi detik-detik hitam bersama Proton:

1. Semasa memandu pulang ke rumah selepas upacara penyerahan kunci oleh jurujual Proton, saya mendapati pemanduan kereta BARU saya terarah ke sebelah kiri. Lalu diajukan permasalahan saya kepada jurujual pada hari berikutnya. Terkejut jugak mendengar reaksinya. Katanya dia pun merasai apa yang saya alami semasa memandu kereta BARU saya, lantas dicadangkan supaya memaklumkan masalah tersebut apabila membuat servis pertama. Dipendekkan cerita, sampai sekarang pemanduan kereta saya tersasar ke kiri walaupun dah berpuluh kali membuat alignment-balancing dan menukar keempat-empat tayar baru. Aku pasrah....

2. Seminggu memandu kereta BARU, aku dapati butang volume dan search di stereng tidak berfungsi sebagaimana sepatutnya. Kalau ingin kuatkan bunyi semasa mendengar radio, ditukarnya station radio. Semasa mendengar cd, ditukarnya track lain. Lantas diajukan kepada jurujual, cadangan sama dilontarkan. Dipendekkan cerita, sampai sekarang saya pasrah dengan kecacatan kereta BARU saya walaupun dah banyak kali ulangalik ke Proton Edar & EON Servis....

3. Beberapa bulan pakai kereta BARU, sensor lampu untuk pintu dah rosak. Aku pasrah lagi....

3. Kurang setahun pakai kereta baru, tayar ASTAR yang bunga tayar masih lagi baru dah

merekah di tepi. Aku pasrah lagi kerana kena tukar tayar baru.

4. Selepas setahun memandu kereta BARU, aku merasakan tertipu dengan Promosi Proton Merdeka Sale kerana duit rebet pembelian masih belum diperoleh sehinggalah ke hari ini. Aku pasrah lagi kerana jurujual memberitahu belum menerima cek dari Proton.

5. Yang terbaru, satu power window dah rosak. Seakan-akan benda bergoleh-golek dalam pintu apabila kereta dibrek & cermin tersangkut-sangkut. Mekanik Proton cakap, sah power window rosak! Katanya lagi, biasalah Proton Waja. Kali ni belum lagi dibaiki kerana kosnya sekitar RM300-400 bagi alat ganti original. Walaubagaimanapun saya bersyukur kerana hanya satu power window yang rosak sehingga saat ini. Bila dicongak aku pasrah lagi, kerana usia kereta baru 3 tahun.

Kini, kereta BARU saya bukan lagi BARU. Dengan pemasalahan yang sudah menjelma dan bakal menjelma, saya PASRAH dengan Proton. Kiranya ada pihak Proton yang ingin membuat kajian mendalam tentang pemasalahan saya demi kecemerlangan Proton pada masa akan datang inilah no enjin kereta saya sebagai rujukan: PL1CF1SRR7F282834.

Begitulah pengalaman saya dengan Proton. Walaubagaimanapun, saya masih bangga dengan jenama PROTON dari dulu hingga saat ini kerana PROTON merupakan idea bernas Tun.

Terima kasih Tun.

* Saya masih ingat lagi saat dapat bersalam dengan Tun pada tahun 1994 di Masjid Negara pada hari Jumaat semasa mengikuti rombongan sekolah. Teringin sangat untuk bersalam dengan Tun untuk kali yang kedua....

By wajaperakAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:59 AM

Tun..

KENAPA TAK JAWAP TENTANG POWER WINDOW??

Ribuan terima kasih Tun dan moderator..(((

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:32 AM

JJJ,

by the way, you were talking about high petrol prices in spore... well spore and HK have high salary 5 times more per capita than malaysia ... and better public transportation system.

not to forget

India which so called poor country...

since some ppl here talk about shelved petrol price (as usual BN flip flop) and tun fond of

speaking about indians , how could india retail petrol price is at Rs. 52 (RM3.83) (with sales tax etc)today....

yet malaysians crying for subsidy at petrol price RM1.80/RM2.05....if so called ppl in 'poor' india can buy petrol at double the malaysian price, thats just show how good is your BN administration.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:29 AM

JJJ,

i am talking about car prices in thailand and indonesia...u are talking about singaporeans...what a crap.

whats the point of producing cars with tongkat from the government.
millions of malaysians riding a ready made coffin on the roads.... how many thousands died because of unsafe cars that break in two upon collision.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:25 AM

to have malaysia inject capital for this F1 is sheer arrogance and stupidity of all those approved and support lotus to race.

This country is led by a Pak Pandir and Angan-angan Mat Jenin gangs.

After wasting billions of dollars and getting "top 3 last places" for the next 10 years to come, u people will realize.

We are not happy with F1 and your stupid Monsoon Cup in Terengganu.
The only thing I support is Petronas involvement in sponsoring and enhancing their fuel and lubricant market.

Even people like Hassan Merican (capable person) thrown out for so called reach 'retirement age' 57yrs.

Many politician after age 55 still dont get lost from the Rakyat.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 5, 2010 10:23 AM

you said "I was pleasantly surprised that by the time I arrived on February 22, not only could I sit in the racer and start the engine but the car itself had been undergoing trial races in Spain. They had brought back the car for me to sit in and start the engine. The next day they were to take the car back to Spain for further speed trials."

what a waste of money again, they bring the car from Spain to England just to let you sit in it and start the engine, then the next day bring it back to Spain for further testing.

that shows how wasteful you are.

dont criticize badawi and khairy when you are just like them or even worse.

By frosleyAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 9:41 AM

Dear Hero 9305,

With regards to your statement

"Something not right, for a country to sponsor 2 F1 team it makes no sense when Toyota, BMW and Honda had pull out due to requirement of heavy financial resources. How deep is our pocket?"

I stand to be corrected but the funds for the Lotus 1 Malaysia Team is gathered by a group of business owners in Malaysia and does not involve governments money or some would prefer to address it as tax payers money. As for Mercedes. Petronas is the sponsor of the team, and I believe it is done on its own capacity as a business entity and is strictly a business decision i.e. benefits it gets from the publicity.

Yes Honda and Toyota has pulled out, but that does not mean that Malaysian businesses has to heed to the action. Petronas is a solid and financially stable company, and if they (Petronas) feels its an economically good decision to continue sponsoring an F1 team, then it is their call. And just in case someone tries to argue that Petronas's money is taxpayers money, no, I beg to differ. Its their money and what is due to the taxpayers has been given via the billions paid to the government in form of taxes, special dividends and oil royalty.

I hope people will stop linking the funds of GLC's or Malaysian business as taxpayers money. The portion paid as dividend, tax, and royalties...that is the taxpayers portion.
By meAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2010 3:11 AM

Hi, Tun & Others

Again and again...The same old story..Vision --> Patriotic ->Proton

Hey Malaysian...Wake Up!!!...

Damn to all those macroeconomic theories, Metaphors, False Patriotism idea..

Simple Math here:

Example

A man name Ahmad(has degree in Mech Eng,humble,hardworking,enthusiast)

a)Job: Manufacturing Officer/Exec (take as proton employee also ok)

b)Year of service = 4-5years

c)Salary = Average RM3000/mth

d)Car : i)Gen-2 CPS, Monthly pay=RM650(for 9 years)

ii)to 'move' the car & able to come to work: Fuel=RM10/day-->

RM10 X 20days = RM200

====> NOW it is 28.33% of salary/mth

Not include the needs to pay toll, breakdown, maintenance, insurance & road tax..Please imagine how hard is that to have an'our' CAR in Malaysia.

How bout other expenditure??(food, house rent,life insurance, saving,hobby, magazine,children tuition fees,bills,balik kampung, cloth and so many others)

Pls further imagine, how hard is that for:

- 1) Factory operator
 - 2) Storekeeper
 - 3) Bank clerk
 - 4) Restaurant cashier
- and many others

some of them have to work their aXX even much harder than most of those politicians..Alternative?? Using bus? commuter? LRT in Shah Alam, Penang? Motorbike?

Mahathir-san:

Pls take a look back on your Look East policy..Do you really understand why Japanese so proud of their National car? Is that only come from their 'samurai' spirit..NO!!! It's the Quality + the Price that relatively Cheap to their Salary..You simply can find a factory operator who can afford to drive a Honda Odyssey in their 'Kampung'..

It's OK to have a vision..I'm not anti-establishment..BUT, we Malaysian, must understand PRIORITIES..

PROTON,

Again..Please bring RESULT..something that can really make we, Malaysian really 'proud' of..

rgds

HRS

By HajarAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 8:00 PM

Dearest YAB dan DiKasihi Tun,

I am so PROUD of you Tun! You are so energetic. I am much younger than Tun, but I don't think I can go to so many places within a few days, and still look fresh like Tun.

I am also very proud of PROTON. Tun has made it a reality for Malaysians to be in the automotive industry.

Viva Tun!

**** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family ****

By edosmeraAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 7:09 PM

salam Tun,

you have done great things for proton.but the sales of proton whatever claim made by the management still slow and dragging.not only price but competition with other world models is very stiff. i have a suggestion how to make the sales of proton move faster than what it is now. treat the proton cars as commodity and get the world traders to trade the commodity.i understand a proposal for such move was made to the former chairman, but rejected because he wanted to teach the Africans to service proton. imagine Tun in Malaysia we see a lot of Japanese and Korean cars and we did not see a single Japanese or Korean here to teach the Malaysian how to service their cars! if proton produces 200,000 cars yearly (under commodity terms) instead of 40,000 cars presently the turnover will be billion and the jobs created for the locals will be tremendous .to gain the benefits however, allocate each share of proton to all Malaysian 18 years and above. then proton really become a MALAYSIAN CAR and all Malaysian will be proud of proton and especially you Tun the architect of Malaysian automobile industry.

By sad_klguyAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 4:52 PM

Yes,I totally agreed with Tun we must proud of Proton.

In this 20 over years Proton growth with us together espeically born on 70 or 80'era.

My 1st car is Proton Saga

2nd car is Proton Satria

3rd car is Proton Waja

Actually I'm not the supporter of Proton but due to the price,I need to drive Proton as Japanese car price is much higher than Proton price.I also can said that been owner of Proton,I feel the quality is worse because Proton realibity only is 2 years and after that God bless us as we need to visit our mechanic so regularly.Not only power window unsolved which from 1986 Proton Saga launch but still now.

Currently I'm driving Proton Waja,car is so call cheap and also on the spare part but sad to said that we always change this and that,do really Proton is afforadable to middle income like us.

Like Proton Wira,how long is the model been running on the road,I think almosts 10 years which same as Waja,change little accessories then is new model.I'm not condemning Proton but hopeless to Proton but what to do,the cheapest among other car and we no choice just buy and complain.

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Malaysia Boleh..

By AAKA
Author Profile Page on March 4, 2010 3:02 PM

I am a supporter of Tun's in most cases. He is a great statesman with unquestionable credentials. I firmly believe, without Tun's 'jasa' or contribution, Malaysia would not be as developed as we are now. However, like Ir. Syahrizan, on this particular topic I dont think I agree. If you look past your BN tinted eye-glasses, you will see that Ir. Syahrizan has posted numerous comments complimenting and agreeing with Tun in various previous blog entrys. In fact, I found his comments one of the most refreshing. The only time Ir. Syahrizan disagreed with Tun was on Proton, which tells me his remarks or thoughts are not from prejudice (unlike many here who blindly discredit/worship everything Tun says).

Proton in itself is not a bad idea. Honda, Toyota, Kia, Hyundai all started the same way. Indeed national brands need some form of protection against the global giants. The pride of building your own car can not be ignored/overlooked. In fact, I am more than willing to pay a little

premium to ensure Proton thrives. But... and this is a big B-U-T, Proton has failed to live up to its side of the bargain. Its suppose to grow and succeed such that it no longer depends on the rakyat. In fact, it should be contributing to the nations economy by now, just like Honda, Toyota, Kia etc.

Instead Proton still produces sub standard cars at non competitive prices. The after sales service is crap and the problems with the car has become the butt of jokes for years now. Proton has taken the support of the counrty and rakyat for granted... aiming to live off the concessions. That was never the idea. Proton has to make better cars, at a lower price!! It must be able to produce with the big boys. Its been too long that Proton has taken to get where it is, and the burden of its failures are being shoved to the rakyat. If Proton had made the most of our support, it would have been able to use its profits to improve R & D, remove all its stupid defects while at the same time reducing the cost. Simple business strategy/principles. Instead it feels comfortable just plowing along and saying sales are good, as if the countrys support is never ending.

I am all for national pride and world recognition but it must come with hard work and a will to improve. At the moment, thats not the case. Italians are proud of Ferrari's, the Germans with their BMWs, the French with their Peugeotts, Japs with their Toyo...opps, Honda's. But ask the average Malaysian on the street if he/she is proud of their Proton? They will say they only own one cause the cant afford the imports!

By hero9305Author Profile Page on March 4, 2010 1:07 PM

Something not right, for a country to sponsor 2 F1 team it makes no sense when Toyota, BMW and Honda had pull out due to requirement of heavy financial resources. How deep is our pocket?

High prices of cars only benefited the AP holders or so called "cronies", will not benefit the rakyat.

By checkerAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 10:54 AM

Salam Tun & fellow CheDet's Bloggers,

Good leader must lead and must lead to where no man has gone before. Sound familiar?

In the process, leader must have the courage to commit on ideas that can benefit his "followers" for generation to come and create history. Naturally, some may not agree (for some reasons or another but in Malaysia, politic has been top of the list) and will do their best to condemn such leader especially when something went wrong. Some (pengkhianat)even take the trouble to sabotage (internationally, bad mouth about everything the government does and calling the world support)as to cause further damage thus justify their views for not agreeing to you.

What happen to you is not exception. But history will be and has been the judge for your many "crazy" decisions. Among the feathers on your hat were Proton(the laughing stock of the automotive nations such as British and Italian but you should have the last laugh), Petronas Twin tower (still the highest twin tower in the world), KLIA (yet to achieve the potential - hoping you are still around to complete it), F1 (putting Malaysia in the world map - now in your

effort to revive Lotus), North-South Highway (even the once hard-headed protestor, Lim Kit Siang, is unshamefully, quietly and happily enjoying the ride) and Putrajaya (not yet completed but has already the envy of many foreign governments). The saviour of all (and the classic one) will be your daring and most courageous decision TO DO MY WAY in handling the country financial crisis in defiance to all local "experts" and world experts' prediction. Not surprise to DSIA's and his harden supporters' consideration of the opposite. Kenapa? Mungkin Allah "telah mematikan hatinya, membutakan matanya dan memekakkan pendengarannya" - Al-Baqarah . Wallau'alam.

People with large brain think and talk of ideas

People with average brain think and talk of issues

People with tiny brain think and talk of people - and many are among us as proven from some of those who have participated in your blog.

May Allah bless us all and for you to have and maintain healthy body, mind and soul and have the courage to continue to serve the nation until your last breath, irrespective your position in the society. Just forget about the people with the tiny brain.

By mgpunyaAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 10:51 AM

YABhg Tun,

...keep it up sir.

By Zul Abdul RahmanAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 10:41 AM

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam hormat kepada Tun Dr.Mahathir Mohamad dan Tun Dr.Siti Hasmah, Salam penuh kasih dan sayang kepada semuanya,

F1 & PROTON-LOTUS

[Quote: By Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on March 2, 2010 4:39 AM on PROTON'S PROGRESS topic,

" 4. The British people were very excited that once again a Lotus car would be in the F1 race. The three drivers were optimistic. The two foreign drivers, Jarno Trulli and Hekki Kovalainen, were very experienced. Fairuz Fauzi our Malaysian driver was the first to test-drive the car in Spain. I hope he would get a chance to drive in the actual race. I wish them the best of luck."

F1 & PROTON-LOTUS

1. Membuktikan bahawa Negara Malaysia dan Kepimpinan Melayu yang dibantu dengan kepimpinan rakyat bangsa Cina, India, Suku kaum Sabah dan Sarawak boleh bekerjasama dengan bangsa asing seperti British dan Orang Eropah.

2. Membuktikan bahawa Kerajaan Melayu Islam tidak mempunyai masalah dengan rakyat negara lain seperti British selagi mana kita mahu berusaha untuk menuju kepada kejayaan dan kedamaian.

3. Membuktikan bahawa kebijaksanaan 'Team PROTON' dan 'Team LOTUS' melalui persefahaman yang telah terjalin sejak berkurun-kurun tahun dahulu, dihargai sehingga ke hari ini.

FAIRUS FAUZI, F1 & PROTON-LOTUS

1. FF,F1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal mencipta sejarah dan sekaligus membuktikan bahawa 'Melayu Proto' dan 'Melayu Duetero' yang telah lama wujud juga mampu berjaya dan setanding dengan manusia sejagat yang lain.

2. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad telah membuktikan bahawa 'Melayu Proto' dan 'Melayu Duetero' telah berjaya dan tercatat namanya di sejarah dunia.

3. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal membuktikan bahawa Orang Melayu adalah orang yang berani walau di letakkan di mana-mana dan di dalam apa jua keadaan sekalipun.

FAIRUS FAUZI F1

1. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal membuktikan bahawa Orang Melayu Islam (muslim) juga mampu bersaing, 'berdiri sama tinggi' dan 'duduk sama rendah' dengan sesiapa sahaja yang berada di litar F1 dunia.

2. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal membuktikan bahawa Orang Melayu Islam (muslim) yang PERTAMA sekiranya beliau menang pertandingan tersebut dengan hanya mengambil kalungan bunga dan piala SERTA tidak perlu mengoncang botol arak tersebut dan menyemburkannya.

3. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal membuktikan bahawa litar F1 di mana-mana di dalam dunia ini akan bergegar dengan 'kalimah-kalimah agung' yang diawali dan dimulai dengan kalimah agung "Bismillahirrohmanirohim"....('Dengan nama Allah Yang Maha Pengasih Lagi Maha Penyayang') SERTA memulakan perlumbaannya diawali dengan 'Doa' sebagai 'Senjata Jati Diri' terakhir dan 'Semangat Diri' orang Melayu.

FAIRUS FAUZI F1 MELAYU & JATI DIRI MELAYU

1. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) will run 'AMOK' in racing on World F1 Circuit. (The good side of Amok - [ref: thesaurus: passion,frantically, highly excited with strong emotion]). FFF1 will prove to his audience that that the Muslim spirit, beginning with 'Doa' as for the weapon and 'Semangat Diri' of Melayu. Hence, 'Doa' & 'Usaha' will be the proven factor as one of the fighting spirit needed to achieve anything in life.

2. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) will prove to his audience that Malay is 'berbudi pekerti yang tinggi', 'menghormati orang lain', 'bersopan santun' dan 'bersalaman' sebagai tanda hormat kepada kawan dan lawan.

3. FFF1 (Fairus Fauzi F1) bakal membuktikan bahawa beliau boleh dan mampu berjaya kerana beliau telah membawa nama-nama kita bersama, nama keluarganya, nama bangsanya, nama negaranya, serta nama agamanya bersama-sama. Kita, akan turut sama berusaha dan berdoa kepada kejayaannya sekaligus bagi kejayaan kita semua bersama-sama.

Salam hormat kepada Tun Dr.Mahathir Mohamad, 'Pencetus Minda Melayu', salam penuh kasih dan sayang kepada semua.

By musatoAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 9:23 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Nak jadi pemandu F1 kena bersedia dari semua segi.

Ambik selekoh pun dah 4G, macam bawak fighter jet.Tengkuk pun kena training bagi keras masa corner.Lengan pun kena main besi bagi kuat pegang stering.

Lepas campur tolak kuranglah berat badan 3kg lepas setiap pertandingan.Mental pun kena sentiasa fokus.

Aerodenamik pun diambik kira pada tiap rekabentuk badan kereta F1.Suhu dalam kereta pun dah meningkat berkali ganda dari normal.

Hati mesti kuat.Mesti berani mati.

Syabas Proton.

Terima kasih Tun.

By musmtAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 8:08 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan pembaca2 Che Det,
Alhamdulillah, jurutera dan sebahagian dari rakyat Malaysia sudah dapat peluang untuk memajukan diri dan negara di bidang automotif. Jika dibandingkan dengan semasa saya di bangku sekolah dulu, cita2 nak jadi jurutera kereta tapi masa tu kilang kereta pun tiada lagi di Malaysia.(zaman 70an)

Saya ingin mengucapkan syabas kepada Tun dan semua yang terlibat dalam membawa negara ke arah ini sekarang.

Cuma satu sahaja pesanan kepada jurutera2 Proton dan semua jurutera automotif negara

(termasuk semua staf2 lain), jangan cepat berpuas hati. Kita masih mempunyai banyak kerja untuk dibuat sebelum kita boleh berdiri seperti Toyota, BMW etc. Anggaplah ini baru permulaan dalam mencipta sejarah negara untuk memantapkan industri automotif. Semuga Malaysia berjaya menjadi negara Islam yang mempunyai kepakaran tinggi dalam bidang ini satu hari kelak. InsyaAllah.

Dr.ofEng.

Mus

By milshahAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 4:20 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I am glad reading on Proton's progress. Being a Malaysian, I too am proud of Proton, especially on the performance of their Malaysian engineers and executives (malays I presume) , having brought Proton to this level.Keep up the good work! I can almost see the happy faces of Proton's new management team and board of directors reading Tun's latest article. Now Tun is on their side.

However, for para 11, I beg to differ with regard to the high prices of cars is to discourage petrol guzzling big cars and reduce traffic jams. I remember the US and European countries having campaigns to discourage oil palm consumption because it is not healthy due to high cholesterol content. The same goes for our timber products, they discourage the buying of our timber products because it is damaging the environment and had caused lost of habitat for many animal species. Of course we know this is their propaganda when in actual fact it is to protect their soy bean, corn and timber producers. However, due to our determined effort, we were able to counter this and grow our palm oil and timber industry.

With regard to petrol guzzling big cars, I am not sure whether Honda and Toyota fall into this category and yet they are imposed with high duty imports. Looking at honda's website, a honda city in Peninsular Malaysia costs RM85k while in Labuan it cost RM58k, a difference of RM27k. Honda and Toyota have always said that their car engines are fuel economy efficient. Maybe Honda and Toyota car's owners or the company's engineers can comment on this.

With regard to high prices to control traffic jams, I think a more better way is to have a very efficient public transport system. Even with lots of cars, people know when to use their cars. For example in the morning, when people go to work, they know there will be traffic jams and therefore decide not to bring their cars into the city and instead use public transport. Although price cars are high, there is still traffic jams. Therefore, does the high prices is meeting its objectives of reducing jams?

Anyway, with high car prices, then it would seem cars are meant for the rich. What about the middle income and the poor group? With cheap cars all Malaysian could feel the joy of owning a car.

For Proton, they need to look back on their business model. Although currently the government's effort to discourage petrol guzzling big cars and reduce traffic jams coincidentally puts them at

an advantage over imported cars with lower prices, they need to look whether this business model is sustainable. In the 80s and 90s yes it is relevant. Now we have AFTA and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) pushing for member countries to reduce tariff imports to increase competition. If I am not mistaken, Thailand has even ask for compensation from Malaysia if Malaysia does not reduce tariff imports for imported cars. Proton cannot always rely on the local market. They need to be strong such that even without duty imports on imported cars they can still survive. They need to be able to expand into international markets. I know it not an easy task, but this is the direction Proton has to take. There are no other options.

However, looking at the bigger picture, I think Proton should be retained due to the positive affects Tun has mentioned. That is why I am giving my advise and opinion.

I do hope Proton will succeed. All the best!

By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 1:32 AM

Dear YAB Tun salam mesra harap sihat sejahtera. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk dekat dihati penaung jauh dimata orang dgn izin....

.....PROTON ACCOLADES

- > Profitability. It is amazing that a protected company (market and price) loses money in the first place.
- > Engineers. I hope they are not the same engineers sent to Misubishi Japan, Citroen France. Obviously they learnt nothing then.
- > Engineering. We need not send our people to Italy to learn designs or buy Lotus for production. They would come to our country lock stock and barrel (FDI, engineering,jobs) if we looked at Thailand.
- > Investment return. Since when is tax considered an investment return (18bil revenue)?

.....LIMPAH NIKMAT

The people who benefited are Proton staff, patrons and their cronies. The people who paid thru their noses are 27mil rakyat. Eighteen bil could be used to subsidize public transport but was wasted on mega projects, bailing out cronies, nationalizing losses, spawning Zakaria's and Ahmad Is.... etc.

Increased sales volume should bring prices down, but was propped up artificially (via protectionism).

.....TELUR SE BIJI

We are crowing over one plant (200k ut) and 300000 related jobs. Look at Thailand which has more than 5 world class plants (1.4 mil ut of Toyota, Nissan, Honda, GM, Isuzu). It exports twice more than what Proton sells the whole year in M'sia. Calculate the FDI, job and

engineering value vs Proton.

Proton can be a proud domestic champion, but M'sia lost horribly in the Asian market. We should be exporting to Asia like Thailand is doing now. In fact many Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Isuzu, Mitsubishi, GM models in M'sia now come from Thailand or Indonesia not Japan or US.

Asian parts component manufacturing is now centred in Detroit of Asia not the jungle fringe of Tanjung Malim. Our Asean neighbours buy from Thailand but not from M'sia which has only Proton parts.

Proton is one example what supremacist attitude and misplaced pride will do to our industry in the global arena. Penny wise pound foolish! Megah dgn keris maut akibat peluru! M'sia putih mata, rakyat putih tulang membela Proton.

.....FIVE BIL SAVINGS?

At that volume the car would be manufactured locally by local engineers via local plants (eg Thailand). Foolish to ship 200K ut cars from so far! Why did Sony build a plant in M'sia?

Misleading attempt to hoodwink some simpleton readers. There is no five bil savings in exchange outflow (without national car policy) but there is five bil losses, wastage and lost exports in protecting Proton.

.....AFTERTHOUGHT

High cars prices to prevent M'sians from buying petrol guzzling cars is an afterthought to defend Proton. Many foreign cars far more economical than Proton are not allowed to be sold cheaply.

By pwchengAuthor Profile Page on March 4, 2010 12:55 AM

TDM. I admire your "conviction". Things that you like you will say good even if its bad, but things that you do not like you will say bad even if its good.

By ajakmetroAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 11:39 PM

salam tun & keluarga,

terima kasih atas semua usaha-usaha tun kepada kami rakyat Malaysia. Saya amat bersetuju atas komen tun mengenai prestasi Proton, kereta Malaysia yang membanggakan semua.

Terima kasih buat selama- lamanya, Tun

By juara_kampungAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:37 PM

Tun Yang Dihormati,

Apart from India and United Kingdom, Malaysia is the only other commonwealth country that design and produce motor vehicles under its own brand. This is definitely something for Malaysians to be proud of!

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By scofieldAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:13 PM

Salam TUN,

Jangan lupa pada CEO Proton sekarang..saya fikir dibawah pengurusan beliau PROTON berada pada kedudukan sekarang.

By skaizerAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:03 PM

Well i think , car price in Malaysia is ridiculously high, especially Toyota and Honda because the government want to protect Proton. This is something we not proud of to live and be Malaysian. But fortunately the price of other foreign brand good such as computer is reasonable and affordable, but if the government want to venture in computer business then we might buy Dell Laptop or Compaq of low specs at RM12,000.00.

In our lifetime , we Malaysian will not be able to use foreign brand car with reasonable price if proton still around, i say lets lift up the protection and let sell foreign brand car at global market price.

I know toyota car is affordable in Indonesia and Thailand for certain income group. In Malaysia Toyota Vios is been considered luxurious item , which is rubbish. In Indonesia Vios is been used as Taxi.

Don't deprive me and other Malaysian in our lifetime to own foreign brand car which we know of good quality with reasonable price as sold in the global market.

You cannot deprive Malaysian of good quality product and force Malaysian to buy low quality product just to protect Proton. We live only once, hence in our lifetime it is our dream to own new BMW 3 Series at current Waja Price.

By shafikzamanAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 8:47 PM

Dear Tun,

In principal, I have always agreed that the national car project was a sound idea.

However, like any good idea, all is nought in the absence of good execution.

Whilst I also agree that Proton has definitely improved under it's current stewardship, I'd just like to share a few thoughts with you:

1. Why weren't all the billions in profit garnered in Proton's early days used to implement a comprehensive public transportation system/network?
2. Why can't all Protons be outfitted to the minimum international safety standards?
3. Whilst I have no major qualms about the external design of current models, why is the plastic used inside substandard?
4. I realise points 3. & 4. have cost implications but am convinced these can be addressed.
5. Branding is crucial to the success of any product and I must say that I am miffed as to why the Proton Logo still looks like an amateur take of a popular cartoon. Proper research and debate

must be furnished on even little details like this to ensure global appeal.

I am proud to be Malaysian and am a thorough patriot.

I am also proud that Malaysia is one of the few nations that has had the benefit of an exceptional leader as yourself during your tenure as PM.

Thus, I would be very interested to hear your views on the points/queries raised.

Thanks & warmest regards.

By AzMaAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 8:10 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

1.Bangga melihat Tun bersama-sama Tan Sri Nadzmi Salleh di Norwich, England.

2.Teringat akan suatu ketika dahulu dimana gandingan Tun, Tan Sri Yahya dan Tan Sri Nadzmi.

3.Teruja melihat Lotus F1 yang dinaiki Tun, tak sabar untuk melihatnya di Litar F1 Sepang.

3.Doa agar kecemerlangan PROTON berulang kembali.

By lucalucaAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 7:37 PM

Tun,

Normally I'm very agree with all your statements, but this time I don't agree at all with your statement number 11 and 12. It does not consistent and sound funny.

Furthermore, the traffic not getting any better.

Why is it so hard for government to upgrade and add more lines for our LRT? Like in Beijing, LRT is very cheap and efficient.

By GravityAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 5:14 PM

YABhg Tun'

Today circulations shown a splendid image of future proton car on display. My whole bunch of friends got excited with the new concept car displayed in france yesterday. Cant think that we are able to go that far of designing a hybrid ! It is not just the show...it is the continuous painstaking effort by our very own engineers and we should down to earth proud of them. Welcome back proton ! Salutation for people who dont believe we can do it in the first place...it proofed them wrong ! Damn wrong ! its about time for some good opposition MPs to turn back to the right humble beginning. It is not too late to accept the fact !

By monchotosAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 5:01 PM

I got 4 cars....Proton Wira 1.6GLi, Volvo 850GLE, AUDI A4B5 Engine and BMW 318i Lifestyle. Out of all this car, I drove Proton to non important appointment. BMW for Golf, Volvo as Family car and AUDI as social activities. Just imagine how low class Proton car to me.....You think about it.

By khairi aliAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 3:43 PM

12. Most people started to own cars only after Proton cars were produced. Such was the increase in the usage of cars that in one 10-year period, Proton cars contributed 18 billion Ringgit towards Government revenue. Considering that the total Government investment was only RM480 million Ringgit in 1984-85, the returns on the investment must be considered very high. The people as a whole must benefit from Government expenditure of this large sum of money.

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Yes, I fully agree that 'people as a whole must benefit from Government expenditure'. I cant find say any words but full of praise for Proton successess.

But please do explain to this really troubling question : 80% of production of rubber comes from small-holders, but they could not buy shoes and books for their children. Why is this happening?

And so is with the huge acres of land planted with oil palm. But, who really benefit the downstream activities? If we were to buy palm oil or minyak masak, then we will be pondering who were the owners of these industries? Obviously, it is not the Bumis.

This is of course not to mention the complaints made by the Felda settlers, such as, the grading of palm fruits, the amount of price cuts and so on, including the question of not providing the Felda families with jobs. Giving lands, the increase of land price and houses, is not that beneficial compared to jobs in the area.

Obviously there are views that the government is taking advantage from the uneducated lots; or they even say that it is an Malaysian way of 'culture system' during the Dutch colonisation of Indonesia.

Wassalam

By desaarshadAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 3:04 PM

Salam buat Tun semoga diberikan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan untuk meneruskan perjuangan yang tidak pernah selesai.

Proton adalah lambang kemegahan rakyat Malaysia yang telah mengalami waktu suram selepas Tun bersara dan kini dengan kembalinya Tun sebagai PENASIHAT/ADVISOR dibawah kepimpinan baru negara dan Proton sendiri diharap Proton akan terus berkembang untuk rakyat Malaysia khasnya dan negara kita amnya.

Dunia yang semakin mencabar memerlukan pejuang seperti Tun yang berpengalaman dan disegani untuk memberikan idea dan pandangan demi kemajuan Proton dan negara kita Malaysia yang tercinta.

Sekali lagi semoga Tun dipanjangkan usia, diberikan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan untuk terus menyumbang pada bumi Malaysia tercinta.

By naharAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 1:01 PM

Tun;

Syabash Proton dan krewnya kerana melakukan usaha berterusan meningkatkan keupayaan agar setanding diperingkat global.

Pelancaran kereta konsep – Siri Emas yang telah dilakukan oleh Tun di Geneva itu menandakan bahawa Proton telah melangkah setapak lagi kehadapan dalam teknologi rekabentuk dan teknologi mesin walaupun masih perlukan bantuan luar.(9. The final stop was the design firm of Giugiaro together with Proton which were designing a new small car and a redesigned Persona for Proton. Some 20 Malaysian designers and engineers were working on these projects together with the Italians).

Walaupun ia direka di Italy, ia harus disesuaikan dengan persekitaran dan orang Timur dengan mengambil kira kesesuaian sistem jalanraya dan sistem pemanduan disebelah kanan agar capaian setiap alat kawalan adalah mesra pengguna sepetimana dilakukan oleh orang Jepun terhadap kereta keluaran mereka pagi pasaran Timur (sistem Jepun adalah terbaik bagi alat kawalan keselamatan yg mudah capai untuk kegunaan orang Timur).

Diharap kereta konsep itu tidak hanya dibuat sebagai keperluan untuk tujuan PAMERAN dan PERTUNJUKAN sahaja, sebaliknya akan menjadi realiti untuk kegunaan rakyat Malaysia dan pasaran eksport.

Adalah diharapkan juga satu hari nanti(dengan usaha yang gigih) kebergantungan pakar luar itu lambat laun akan dapat dikurangkan sedikit demi sedikit apabila kepakaran tempatan sudah boleh menguasai ilmu tersebut dan ilmu lain yang berkaitannya.

Apa yang penting ialah ada sifat ingin tahu bagaimana rahsia orang lain melakukannya, disamping itu - berminat, kreatif, inovatif, proaktif, bermotivasi dan ada kerajinan(fizikal & mental untuk berfikir dan bertindak.(sepertimana orang luar itu lakukan).

By nazrimalikAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 12:11 PM

Tun, I saw you beside the Emas in The Star newspaper today. The vehicle looks fantastic. Congratulations!

I have no comment about Proton but I am proud of it. A friend of mine, a multi-millionaire said Wira is a good car when I told him i have one. I still wonder why he said that. Maybe he is proud of Proton, like me, because we are Malaysians!

By JJJAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 11:21 AM

salam Tun,

Wow!The unveiling of the concept cars made me proud knowing that we will be capable of producing hybrid cars in two years time.

Now we wait and see while the devious detractors try to conjure up reasons to further condemn Proton.These people are green with ENVY,one of the seven deadly sins.Motivated by racial

reasons perhaps?

Do they realise that Tun is proving them wrong at every turn?

We laugh at their herculean efforts to degrade Tun's achievements in particular and the Malays in general.

"LU MELAYU SKRU PUN TAK BOLEH BUAT..."

Wassallam

Jeng3

By JJJAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:58 AM

salam Tun,

to bro kamal ahmad,

"the Badawi wander years"...LOL!You made my day.

Wassallam

Jeng3

By JJJAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:48 AM

salam Tun,

THE STUPIDITY OF THIS GUY'S COMMENTS BEGGARS BELIEF!

"By gunse007 on March 2, 2010 10:34 AM

if u have set up automobile industry similar to thailand, malaysia wud have been different....

cars in thailand and indonesia is way cheaper there than here.....

your proton produce junk cars, quality ones are expensive and over protected.....

u are the cause for the common ppl wasting money with car loans debts...."

WE MUST BE WARY OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS WHO CONTINUALLY PROMOTE THE IDEA OF CARS BEING CHEAPER ELSEWHERE E.G. SINGAPORE OR THAILAND.

THEY CHOOSE TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE HIGH COSTS OF PETROL

ELSEWHERE WHICH MAKES OWNING A CAR A COSTLY AFFAIR.THEY CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE VERY CREATIVE AND WONDERFULLY IMAGINATIVE IN MAKING PEOPLE PAY THRU THEIR NOSES TO OWN A CAR.

THESE COMMENTATORS MUST BE EITHER;

- 1.IGNORANT
- 2.DEVIOUS (AS IN WITH A HIDDEN AGENDA)
- 3.JUST PLAIN STUPID

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE MORONS!....

Saturday February 13, 2010
Big brother to drive away cars
INSIGHT DOWN SOUTH
By SEAH CHIANG NEE

The Singaporean's love affair with the car remains strong, but the authorities seem determined to break up the relationship with a plethora of taxes designed to make owning one as stressful as possible.

RECENTLY when I joined the ranks of Singapore's home down-graders in search of a more modest place, I was guided by one principal consideration. I wanted a place that is no more than 10 minutes' walk to a train or bus station.

Public transport is crucial as I prepare for the inevitable day when I will have to surrender my old four-wheeler to the junkyard because of rising operating costs.

I believe that owning a personal car in land-squeezed, overcrowded Singapore will one day become so exorbitant that it will be out of reach of most middle-class Singaporeans.

The way our demography is moving, I see little prospect of the current motorist avoiding the move to public transport at least partially. It will not augur well for the aged and the handicapped.

The population will continue to rise, but land space will remain the same.

At the moment, the Singaporean's love affair with the car remains strong, but it will fade as new fiscal measures are tightened.

(A word on trains and buses: they are generally well run, better than most that I have used elsewhere. During rush hour, however, some stations are nightmarishly packed and it becomes a put-off.)

Saying goodbye to the car is never an easy thing for Singaporeans, and some would rather abandon the country for another where cars are cheap.

A plethora of taxes, some uniquely designed in Singapore to reduce the car population, has succeeded marvellously well in two areas – cutting traffic jams and lightening the Singaporean pocket.

In few countries does a car cost as much as it does in Singapore. Any government that tries the same will be out the door in the next election.

As a result, Singapore has only 12 cars per 100 people, half of Hong Kong's 24.

The taxes are so devilishly complex that it will take a whole chapter to list them and explain how they work.

The purchasing costs include these mind-boggling factors: Registration fee, cost price, road tax, COE (certificate of entitlement), additional registration fee (140% of OMV or open market value) and customs duty (31% of OMV).

Understandably, many Singaporean buyers do not fully understand them; they simply pay – and

grumble.

A medium-sized 1,600cc Japanese car costs around S\$60,000, enough to buy a bungalow in many neighbouring countries.

Monthly expenses (including depreciation, insurance, electronic road charges, road taxes, etc) are S\$2,000 a month, a little less than what a fresh graduate earns.

“We all know that owning a car in Singapore is a luxury,” blogged a writer. “If you don’t have a car, how do you know whether you can afford one?”

His answer, quoting Salary.sg, was you must earn S\$7,650 a month. This means that the average middle-class Singaporean (household income: S\$7,000) can operate a car only with some financial stress.

The speed with which the government is building more rail lines – the plan is to double the present tracks by 2020 – has convinced me that it means business in working to wean Singaporeans off the car as much as possible.

It wants 70% of peak-hour trips by Singaporeans to be taken on trains and buses by then.

A survey showed how tough it is. Despite the recession last year Singaporeans using public transport during the morning rush hour dropped from 63% to 59%. Car usage has gone up.

With the government gearing up to rebalance it, this trend will not last.

To fight jams and raise revenue, the government has erected some 80 Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) gantries that digitally tax passing vehicles at selected places and times.

The fees are adjusted upwards or downwards depending on traffic volume.

But controversial as they are, the ERP gantries may be soon be torn down to make way for a new (and probably costlier to the public) way of controlling traffic and raising revenue.

Singapore could be the first country to use the GPS or global positioning system to track vehicles on the road for tax purposes. Operation is expected this year or next, after an expected snap election is held.

The move may be unpopular among voters with an adverse impact against the government. Over the long-term, if not immediately, it will increase transport costs for Singaporeans.

The satellite-tracked electronic system would technically charge drivers using any road any time in Singapore – if so desired.

It highlights how efficiently clever the Singapore authorities are at using the latest high tech to charge the public.

When the GPS system comes into being, I may trade in my car for the train, health permitting. At present the gantries can’t make any money from me since I avoid passing those machines when they are in operation.

That may change in future. A drive to my estate corner coffee shop for my morning noodle may invite the satellite to start clicking up a bill, I fear.

That may prompt others to join my car-less life. Those who have a higher threshold of pain may also be discouraged by other social costs, including loss of privacy.

Apart from charging people for using the roads, the GPS can also track traffic offenders, including illegal parking, beating the red light and intruding into a bus lane.

The Straits Times warned: “Singaporeans will have to watch not only their back, but high in the sky whenever they think of committing a traffic offence.

“The GPS is also able to determine if you had been speeding along any roads, including going beyond that 15km/h speed limit at the road outside your car park.”

Do you still think the car will remain a luxury in Singapore?

Jeng3

By Yahya Khan Author Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:27 AM

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Dear Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,

Assalamu Alaikum,

At the outset, please allow me to disclose that I am your biggest fan and a regular visitor at your blog ever since Tun started this blog. In fact, Tun is my ideal since I was hearing about Tun in mid-eighties on BBC Urdu News on Radio (there was no television at our place those days).

I am a 37yrs old Muslim male from Ahmedabad (Gujarat-India). I came to Malaysia in 2001 and got married with a Malaysian girl (keturunan Pakistan). And Alhamdulillah, we so far have 4 kids (2boys+2girls) aged 8, 7, 3 and 1 respectively.

As per malaysian laws, I did apply for my PR (permit masuk) in 2006 (after 5yrs from marriage). However, as per normal norms, the Jabatan Imigresen rejected my PR application. So I did a Permohonan Rayuan Permit Masuk at KDN in 2006.

But, to my shocking dismay, I recently received a letter from KDN [Ruj. KDN: (S) W100/981-37859 (5)], saying that "rayuan tuan adalah ditolak".

I don't understand why my application for Permit Masuk is rejected by the KDN despite the facts as per below.

- (1) I have lived continuously in Malaysia since 2001 with only 2 trips to home-country (India) not exceeding 1 month each time, and 2 trips to Singapore for 1 day each.
- (2) I have married to a Malaysian girl and we so far have 4 kids (malaysian citizens)
- (3) I have lived a law-abiding life in Malaysia.
- (4) I pay income tax annually to the govt of Malaysia (LHDN).
- (5) I have embraced budaya malaysia in my life.
- (6) My mother-tongue is Urdu (Hindi) and my wife is from Punjabi-speaking family, but I have encouraged my kids to speak Bahasa Malaysia and we all speak in BM with each other. (sacrificing own-language and adopting BM is not enough contribution & commitment to Malaysia???)

Sir, it is very difficult to live with a "work permit" when my kids are growing-up and I have to face many hurdles for managing the tasks like their schooling and other activities where parents' IC (K/P) is required. Although, I have been bearing it for the past many years but now it seems difficult to carry on without "PR". I am afraid that this difficult situation might force me to leave this country and leave behind my wife and 4 kids on the mercy of the government of Malaysia.

Dear Tun, I don't want such a sad scenario ever happen in my life and hence I urge you to get

KDN to reconsider & approve my Permit Masuk application. Please help me, at least for the sake of my innocent kids. Thank You Very Much. May Allah Bless You, Amin.

Sekian, terima kasih.

Yang benar,

Yahya Khan

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P.S.: However I know and speak BM, but still I have written this letter in English for conveying my message more clearly to you.

By NusantaraianAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:24 AM

Yep, gogogo my national car. Why people compare our own local brand with those of Indon's and Thais? Their's arent even their own, they only do assembly for foreign brands. Their money flowing out like waterfalls to the foreign countries.

With my HARD-EARNED money, I only wish that it is being spent to help develop our country, put aside quality issues/overpriced Protons and so on. I even don't prefer Perodua/Naza due to foreign shares in it.

Do not get caught by inferiority complex that is haunting our nation due to agendas of the British by erasing/editing our history... CAN YOU NOT FEEL A LITTLE PROUD WHEN ONLY FEW OF THE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD ARE CAR MAKERS?

Korean get to where they are by supporting their own proud brand, believe it or not, their brands started as low as Proton.

By rahimAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:23 AM

Y.A.Bhg. Tun

Tahniah kerana visi Tun untuk menjadikan Malaysia negara maju menjelang tahun 2020 melalui beberapa projek perindustrian mega mulai nampak hasilnya. Sektor automotif adalah komponen yang penting untuk menjana pembangunan industri yang berkaitan dengan nya termasuk bidang perkhidmatan yang berkaitan seperti pemasaran dan perkhidmatan insuran.

2. Sokongan politik sangat penting untuk meneruskan agenda bagi mencapai visi 2020 yang Tun perkenalkan dulu. Kita boleh berbeda dan berselisih faham dari segi issue-isue domestik tetapi semua pihak mesti bersatu dalam menghadapi issue-isue di peringkat global. Persaingan di era globalisasi ini semakin sengit dan kita tidak mungkin boleh bersai ng sebagai sebuah negara kalau semua pihak tidak bersatu. We may in conflicts on numerous domestic issues but all parties must be united in facing the global issues. Every citizen of Malaysia must take pride in the success of Proton and all political parties must put aside their differences in giving a total support to Proton for the national car maker to move forward aggressively and be competitive in the global market. We have to sacrifice many things for the future generation. The success of Proton is dependent on our support on the domestic market and the company has to penetrate the global

market to achieve the economies of scale. We have heard the success of South Korea as a nation in transforming their economy to industrialization within a very relatively short period of time. In the early sixties, South Korean people were struggling to reform their economy and economically, the South Korea was very much behind Malaysia. Now, South Korea already a developed nation as compared to Malaysia who only has the vision to achieve the same status by the 2020. I am wondering whether we can achieve this vision with the present political turmoil in country. The opposition parties are not contributing anything to the efforts of achieving the stated vision. Every effort of the Government is being ridiculed and negatively debated. Paling menjijikan apabila imej negara di burokan diluar negara sehingga keperingkat mendapatkan campur tangan ahli Parlimen Australia dalam kes mahkamah di Malaysia.

3. Penggunaan kereta resmi Kerajaan selain Proton Perdana sebagai satu contoh bagaimana kita tidak mengenyakan perbezaan politik bagi menyokong sebuah projek nasional untuk menjadikan Proton sebagai pembuat kereta yang unggul di dunia. Manusia yang membuat keputusan sedemikian harus rasa malu dengan agenda sempit politik mereka dan mengapa mereka gagal mempelajari dari sejarah kejayaan orang Korea Selatan dan Jepun yang begitu sayang dan setia kepada produk yang dihasilkan dalam negara masing. Manusia yang tidak patriotik kepada perjuangan negara tidak layak diangkat sebagai pemimpin dan hanya menunggu hari kejatuhannya yang akan ditolak oleh rakyat yang memilih mereka hari ini. Mantan MB Perak telah membuat suatu keputusan yang burokratik apabila menggantikan kenderaan resmi Kerajaan Perak dengan Toyota Camry sebagai tanda tidak bersefahaman dengan Kerajaan Pusat tetapi dia lupa bahawa projek Proton adalah projek untuk mencapai visi 2020 dan tidak harus dijadikan isu politik.

4. Kesimpulan, saya ingin tegaskan kepada semua pihak yang terlibat dalam politik supaya mengenyakan fahaman politik apabila kita memperjuangkan sesuatu isu yang melibatkan kepentingan negara, kepentingan bangsa dan agama. Generasi akan datang akan menilai apa yang kita tinggalkan kepada mereka. Kita mesti meneruskan cita-cita untuk menjadi negara maju menjelang tahun 2020. Kita mesti bersatu padu dalam menghadapi isu global seperti lambakan pasaran oleh negara maju atau sekatan perdagangan yang sengaja dikenakan oleh negara maju dsb. Proton adalah projek nasional dan ianya menjadi institusi negara. Kita mesti sokong kerana kejayaan Proton boleh menjana kepada pertumbuhan industri lain yang berkaitan yang seterusnya membuka peluang kerja kepada generasi akan datang. Jangan kita tolak Proton kerana isu sempit seperti yang dipolitikkan oleh Kerajaan Pakatan Rakyat Perak tempoh hari.

5. Pemimpin Politik mesti komited untuk mencapai wawasan negara untuk mencapai visi 2020 dan jangan meruntuhkan institusi-institusi negara yang menyokong kepada pencapaian visi tersebut. Semua pihak mesti menghormati institusi-institusi Kerajaan kerana tanpa institusi tersebut negara tidak wujud secara aman dan damai. Kegagalan beberapa negara di Afrika kerana institusi-institusi Kerajaan tidak diletakkan pada tahap yang betul dan tidak dihormati. Akhirnya wujud anarki dalam negara dengan setiap puak ada kumpulan militia sendiri seperti yang berlaku di Somalia. Parti Politik dalam berusaha untuk mendapat kuasa memerintah hendaklah senantiasa hormat kepada institusi-institusi Kerajaan supaya negara kekal utuh dan stabil. Kritikan membina adalah baik untuk menambah baik tetapi sumpah seranah dan kritikan tidak berasas boleh membawa kepada keruntuhan kepercayaan rakyat kepada institusi-institusi Kerajaan.

6. Proton adalah sebuah Syarikat nasional dan menjadi sebahagian institusi Kerajaan untuk membawa negara ke arah status negara maju menjelang tahun 2020. Secara patriotik semua pihak perlu menyokong Proton bagi menjana pertumbuhan yang cepat dengan meningkatkan kualiti ketaraf dunia. Penentang kepada Proton boleh dianggap tidak patriotik kepada perjuangan negara.

Yang Iklas,
Rahim.

By Wenger J KhairyAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 10:02 AM

Dear YAB Tun Dr Mahathir,

I think this whole MV Augusta question can be understood easily by considering this question : Was MV Augusta under bankruptcy protection the moment Proton decided to inject RM 300 million to buy its shares? Yes or No.

By LeeCampwinAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 9:13 AM

Malaysia's Lotus teams up with CNN

<http://biz.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2010/3/3/business/5783283&sec=business>

Is it good?

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 8:36 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

It's good to know that Proton's progress is on the right track with right attitude and management to achieve her vision and may be remembered that one of the objectives of Malaysia going into the automotive industry was to develop Malaysia's engineering capability as stipulated in our National 5th objectives - "membina satu masyarakat progresif yang menggunakan sains dan teknologi moden". However, the ban of PPSMI will only delay this National 5th objective. It's a relief too to know that a 'no' to Sex Education as reported by The Star. Sex is intimate and personal in Malaysia due to multi-racial conflicts, tradition, culture, progress and development, hence, it will be better off we leave this to the parents whom can be the best teacher, leturer, mentor and friend to their children.

National market monopoly and national politics might be the factors that almost bankrupt Proton. I sincerely hope that Malaysia's Proton may be able to stand on her own without government's subsidies and protection.

Since the new concept of a car can be eco-friendly as electric or hybrid, it will be good if our Government starts looking into the Sceneric Bridge now.

Our PM Najib said yesterday, Government cannot cancel a contract without any reasons. And the reason for cancelling the project of Sceneric Bridge by Pak Lah was because this project of infrastructure will make Government poor as per full explaination by our blogger Wenger J Khairy's comments?

Nevertheless, time has come and our Government should look into the Scenic Bridge Project to re-connect MALAY-SIA....

The Star Online's news report on Proton's Emas.

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Proton's Emas global car is expected to be in production by 2012

By SUJESH PAVITHRAN

GENEVA: Proton's first global car Emas is expected to be in production by 2012.

The concept version of the car, shown in three variants, was launched at the Geneva International Motor Show on Tuesday by Proton adviser Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"This is Proton's 25th year and we want to tell the world that Proton is now ready to be a global player, that is the message we want to convey," he said, adding that Proton was willing to invest in strategic partnerships to drive this new direction for the company.

"I've told the Proton people that I'd like to see the car out in a year, but they tell me they need more time," Dr Mahathir said.

He said the project represented a giant technological leap for Proton, which previously focused mainly on the local market.

Proton group managing director Datuk Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamed Tahir, who was also present for the launch, said they would need between 17 and 24 months to get the car into production.

"We are thankful and humbled that this is happening as we celebrate our 25 years of existence in the industry.

"We will certainly make use of this opportunity to reach out and build our brand further into the global market," he added.

Emas, an acronym for Eco Mobility Advance Solution, was designed in collaboration with acclaimed Italian design house Italdesign Giugiaro.

"This is a car for today, with a design for tomorrow," said Italdesign Giugiaro co-chairman Fabrizio Giugiaro at the launch.

"We don't want to call it a concept car, rather, this is a new concept for a car," he added.

The three variants shown was the five-door/four-seater Emas, three-door/four-seater Emas3 and

Emas Country, a crossover hatchback that will seat five.

The car is also ready to accommodate any of three power trains - all-electric, hybrid and petrol or diesel - based on technology designed by Lotus Engineering.

Also present at the launch was Proton chairman Datuk Mohd Nadzmi Mohd Salleh and Dr Mahathir's wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah.//

For those non-Tanah Melayu who are unhappy with the progress of Proton, they can have 2nd choice of national car, the Perodua Myvi, Kancil, Kembara or Alza and 3rd national joint-venture car with China of TS Vincent Tan in Rawang, Selangor in near future.

Take care Ayahanda Tun.

P.S. By Stewie on March 2, 2010 11:57 AM

Competition is healthy when the players follow strictly to the rules of the game. Jealousy will only delay and prevent your progress. The traffic jams have nothing to do with cars. The main factor is the development of construction is far too efficiency (due to few men show), and our Government (with many2 different ministry stages men show) just cannot cope up with the development. Don't worry, this traffic jams woes will be solved in future.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 8:25 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

I believe that Tun is a very sporting and accommodating man. Even at a time when he commanded this blessed country of ours as Prime Minister, if you have a really good idea and wish to share it with him – you would get his attention, even if you are a nobody with just a few crumpled notes and coins in the pockets. That was my case.

When I read some of the comments here, it saddens me greatly to see how the younger Malaysians today have finally lost their age old "Asean values". I remember watching an interview of old Lee Kuan Yew on Singapore TV once. It was hosted by the talented Pearl Forrs of SBC and among the panelist was a childish youth leader. During the interview he shot down most of Lee Kuan Yew lines and butted in when and where he wishes. I thought to my self; what a rude young bastard that guy was! I do not like Lee Kuan Yew much, but fact is he is elder and we accord proper respect to the elder. My lines here, its ramblings when I hit out at old LKY, but I assure you, if met in person I would accord the best respect to an elderly as had been ingrained in me by my own elderly (guilty as charged). It is called manners, Asian manners to be exact. Going back to my story on the interview, old LKY must have felt slighted slightly when he said that Asians today (the younger ones) carries too much western values in them and they expect fairness in everything for everyone (something like that – I am no Tivo), he went on to say that when there come to a point of disagreement, the western style youth of today expect to fight things out till dust to dust and may the last one stand over the fallen. Then I changed channel.

Well, those words hold value to me really. Thank goodness I did not end up like my American friends today. When I was a teenager I noticed how my friends would call their mom and dad by

their names like Frank, Betty, Jim, Jill and so on. It was totally alien to me. The western culture is full of insecurities and yet selfish and greedy. Western youth fear aging. They think it is some kind of illness. They are also ego driven and think they know more than their elderly who have years of experience. They consider their elderly no more than useless old goats and excess baggage. When we deal with the elderly, there would be times when they get cranky and irritated. But when you have doctors appointments (plural) coming up, coupled to a nagging arthritis, what do you expect? MAS/Air Asia smiles? In the west, the common theme is to discard what is old for the new even if the old is still in good working order. Many senior citizens, still need to work for a living and that is hard if they can't get employment as companies want the youngsters for strength not knowledge (plus group insurances would be higher for the older class). In my observation, it is called "the throw away culture". So when you throw something away, it means you have stopped caring right? You throw away your elderly out of your way ahead and you slowly stopped caring right? The younger group does not even respect each other today. Dog eat dog; they are living it daily those poor bastards!

I am slowly seeing much more disrespectful behavior among the younger age groups toward each other now. I loosely surmise that competition is fierce enough to cause them to lash out; work schedule is hectic enough to make them uptight. In the old days, this country of ours grew up in a much less crowded world. It was easier to be courteous, to allow people into line before you, to give up your seat. Now everyone has to rush everywhere and they have little time for themselves or their loved ones, let alone strangers. I'm not making excuses here but I am trying to comprehend, because only through understanding this problem as a "whole sum", can we only attempt a credible change in attitude.

For ages our Malaysian societies have "extended families" as their basic building block. Just look at festive holidays; final family iftar for the particular year's fasting ramadhan and syawal takbir together at the mosque, the important CNY "makan besar" routine, the family Diwali oil bath and family pooja, church mass and annual family Christmas dinner, the Gawai dinner, hence; loving and caring for all became quite natural really. After the family the love was extended to the neighborhood, then to the community and finally to the entire society (observe the long houses).

But that is rapidly changing upon us today. Certain section of the far left political divide had been teaching youth (and even some brainless midways) especially to be smug and thankless, to rip out what they think is theirs at any cost, to not waste time talking things over when you can just take it and make it yours, to not respect much anymore when they could easily brand others they dislike as this and that. Bridled with insurmountable insecurities, they narrowed down scope to just their vision and only see things as they see it fit; it is only my way ahead, I am right and you are not right enough. They even taught some not to respect our Kings anymore.

Sadly, a generation may have gone by us that has rarely seen respect for their elders and sadly even to them as well. They never even respected any of their teachers back in school, they treated teachers as one of their school friends. Hence, they keep expanding their ideologies to have no duty or respect towards the senior citizens. They take this notion beyond their family unit into community, into society and finally into nation.

REMEMBER: we all get old, so do unto others as you would want done unto you someday ahead. What you do today, the younger ones learn and then they do back unto you. I have no solution here; it is far complicated that I had imagined at beginning. Maybe we all have our own answers here. Yes maybe that is best.

Maybe Datuk Rais should organize a "respect your elderly" campaign soon enough?

Thought I share that; my observations of current Malaysian trends.

Thank you Tun.

By ANAK MUDAAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 1:39 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,

Saya bersetuju dengan pandangan Tun mengenai Proton & juga mengenai tujuan kerajaan mengenakan cukai yang tinggi ke atas kereta2 import.

Saya juga pengguna proton & kadang terfikir juga untuk memiliki kenderaan import dari jenama yang telah wujud & bertapak puluhan tahun sebelum kewujudan proton yang mana tak dapat dinafikan kelebihan syarikat2 tersebut. Tetapi sebagai pekerja swasta & hanya saya seorang yang bekerja (Isteri = Full House Wife), jadi saya letakkan mana yang lebih penting & cuba menganggap kereta sebagai satu keperluan buat masa sekarang bukannya untuk nak "mengebat" bak kata orang Utara. Bagi saya work hard & smart 1st then when have more income why not I remain with Proton Car or new Proton car & same time buy another car from other company. So, at least I'm still support proton.

Bagi saya apa yang Tun mahukan ialah bukan hanya kerajaan berusaha memajukan proton tetapi rakyat juga perlu bersama2 membantu menaikkan jenama proton & sudah tentulah proton pun perlu memperbaiki kualiti kenderaan keluarannya. Apa yang saya lihat kereta keluaran proton nampak hebat dari segi R & D serta juga di atas "kertas" tapi bila ia masuk ke peringkat "mass production" di sinilah saya rasa yang menyebabkan kualitinya kadang2 dipertikaikan berbanding dengan harganya.

Jaringan peluang pekerjaan memang besar bila wujudnya proton tapi sesetengah orang akan mempertikaikan sekiranya tiada proton tetapi kilang kereta dari company lain pun akan memberi banyak peluang pekerjaan. Tapi apa yang kita & terutamanya untuk anak cucu kita dapat...?? kerana bukan senang syarikat2 luar hendak memindahkan teknologi mereka "bulat2" kepada rakyat kita melainkan kita mempunyai syarikat sendiri. Even apa yang saya dengar dari cakap2 orang "profesional" dari proton pun bukan senang nak "korek" technology dari "partner" nya sebelum ini.

Kesimpulanya saya agree lah dengan kerajaan mengenai cukai untuk kereta import tu tapi proton perlu pantas megorak langkah kerana kalau tak silap saya sebuah syarikat kereta dari Korea yang

kewujudannya hampir sama dengan kewujudan proton sudah jauh lebih maju. Mungkin kerana rakyat Korea betul2 support product keluaran negara mereka. Malah semasa saya di Jepun saya "sengaja" bertanya kepada seorang rakan kerja disana kenapa tak banyak kereta2 dai US ke, Germany ke macam BMW or Mercedes tapi depa jawab biasanya orang2 kaya yang pakai sebab cukai yang kerajaan Jepun kenakan pun tinggi supaya syarikat2 Jepun boleh terus survive & seterusnya develop kereta2 yang lebih baik seperti sekarang.

Tapi mengenai traffic jem saya kurang bersetuju, seperti kata seorang pengirim mengenai Public Transport di Germany. Memang bagi saya "Public Transport" amat penting & saya telah melaluinya ketika di Germany & beberapa negara Eropah. How good their "public Transport" terlalu jauh jika dibandingkan dgn "public transport" di Malaysia terutamanya Kuala Lumpur sebab saya pernah tinggal di KL hampir 8 tahun. Bukan hanya dari segi ketepatan masa tapi harganya juga berpatutan dgn bermacam2 pakej harga kita boleh pilih utk menggunakan public transport disana.

OK Tun..., sekali sekala "menulis" memang dah lupa pukul berapa.....wassalam

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on March 3, 2010 1:23 AM

"Whether there is Proton or not Malaysians will pay a high price for their cars. Cheap cars will lead to even worse jams than now."

To the rich, cars are status symbols and not just four wheels with an engine that can move you around. As such, they don't want cheap cars. Are you saying that you are discouraging poor people from owning even a Kancil? My goodness!

By revolutionistAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:55 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Aduhai~

Ya proton berjaya. Kalau nak dikatakan mampu milik percayalah tak termampu nak beli. Bukan semua rakyat kerja dengan kerajaan sampai nak buat bank-loan pun fikir banyak kali. Pada saya mungkin patut sesetengah teknologi pada proton tak dimasukkan terlalu awal. Maksudnya mungkin sepatutnya proton sendiri buat kajian bagaimana hendak mengurangkan kos pembinaan kereta itu. Kadangkala teknologi terkini tak semestinya yang terbaik untuk sesebuah kereta. Perkara seperti ini juga terjadi pada jenama kereta lain. Yang menyebabkan proton semakin banyak dijalanan sebab tiada pilihan sebenarnya. Keluarga saya pernah memiliki proton, tapi sekarang hanya mampu guna kereta kancil saja. Ya kita berbangga perkembangan automotif negara. Tapi apa kesan yang kami dapat sebenarnya? Harga semakin murah? Yang kita dapat lihat harga makin meningkat adalah. Mana nak mampu milik kalau dah tersepit dengan hutang rumah pula. Mungkin dah sampai masanya proton ambil alternatif dalam pengurangan harga kereta. Tak seharusnya banyak pengeluaran itu petanda baik. Saya juga setuju sangat dengan pendapat sesetengah pihak berkenaan kenderaan awam. Meningkatnya jumlah kenderaan di Malaysia ini ada kaitan sangat dengan kemudahan awam yang kita ada. Mana taknya kalau dah nak kena tunggu bas sampai satu jam sebab nak ke bandar. Bila menteri turun bukannya naik bas dari luar bandar pun. Sedangkan yang dari cheras ke kuala lumpur pun susah nak dapat bas.

Mana taknya makin ramai pakai kereta? Senario ini saya dah perhatikan lama sangat dan dah terkena pun. Apa-apa pun harap proton makin maju dan makin mampu nak milik.

Allahualam.

By Ir. SyahrizanAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:23 PM

Dear Tun,

The "marvelous" 25 years low quality complaints will speak for itself. There's no need for me to elaborate even more. In fact, 2 words will actually conclude everything about Proton; p-o-w-e-r w-i-n-d-o-w.

Thank you for reading.

By nothefellaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:23 PM

Good Day to you Tun,

Although I am happy at the ability of our local engineers to pair up with their foreign counterparts, i hope that a real transfer of technology is taking place. Else it would be a cause for concern. These engineers should be made to practice what they have learned and adopt new ideas to the proton cars which is in dire need of a new design. Case in point, ever since the wira was lauched, which i think was sometime in the early nineties, how much has the design of the car evolved? Same goes for the Waja. Proton has marketed themselves to target those who are just entering the workforce. As time goes by, and once they are more affluent, do you honestly think they will buy a proton as an upgrade? A more logical option would be to purchase a Honda, Toyota or even a KIA. This, apart from being a more sound and viable purchase in terms of car performance and looks, it is to compliment their lifestyle. So why can't proton get a piece of that pie? The answer is simple. Proton is still in its comfort zone. Well until, this mindset is changed, sad to say the quality of the proton cars will remain the same and it would not be able to compete with the Japanese cars. Even KIA has produced a stunning design with the new Forte. So perhaps, these engineers who are now working on foreign soil with reputable designers should put be put to the test sometime soon and reengineer proton. Because if they do, then I will be the first in line to purchase a new model.

Wish you the best of health Tun.

By nase2Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:11 PM

Salam buat Yg Bhg Tun di kejauhan..

Tahniah kat kawan-rakan di Proton kerana mampu belajar mereka-cipta dan menghasilkan kereta yang boleh berada di persada antarabangsa. Nyatalah, orang Malaysia ni cerdik dan berkebolehan.

Yang bodohnya - Tauke Proton (satu ketika dulu) yang duduk kat kerusi empuk di Perdana Putra saja yang beria-ia menjual MVA seEuro dulu - agaknya pasal dia tak jumpa para jurutera dan mekanik lepasan Ox-Bridge yang nak urus MVA.

By coolbuddyAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:29 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun and all,

I was bumped with this news article on a friend's wall post in facebook. It seems like we are having a technical glitch with the tyre and aerodynamicism of our Lotus T127. To my comprehension, don't expect too much for something that we are still new at it. However, we MUST to progress expeditiously. It also seems to me, that to being left about 5 seconds behind, it means that, in F1, we are probably lagged about 7 years behind.

This is the article that I meant; --->

<http://www.motorsport.com/news/article.asp?ID=358959&FS=F1>

I highly hope that our engineers are also capable to encounter the problems very soon.

Terima kasih Tun.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:17 PM

his are the view of one of many citizens...from MI

written by Idealistic, March 02, 2010

Proton has killed so many Malaysians with their unsafe cars, because they are forced to buy nothing but protons for 20 years.

To say that it needed 200 changes before it can be deemed safe to be exported showed that Mahathir thinks Malaysian lives are cheaper than those of the west, money takes precedence. If 200 changes are made, why not adapt to benefit Malaysians as well, instead of sending them to die?

You lived to a ripe old age of 80++ but many die young in their 20s and 30s. The silly kancil too should be blamed as well.

Look at Toyota and now GM. They are held liable and subject to multi million dollars law suits because of their car accidents. Do you allow law suits against the 'deadly' protons?

By Dr Syed Iskandar Syed Jaafar Al MahdzarAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:20 PM

Assalamualaikum wbt Yg Bhg Tun, Malaysian 4th Prime Minister,

Today is 16 Rabiul Awal 1431 Hijrah 850pm here in Malaysia (2/3/2010).

You are in Geneva today launching the concept car of Proton Emas.

Well, Yg Bhg Tun back in december 1992 I was in Zurich to visit Coutts & Co and later to St Moritz.

Travelling by train for 5 hours from Zurich, you will reach St Moritz, the everyday is holiday small town full of houses converted into a mini hotel to accomodate budget travellers like me to this well known ski resort holiday location. I guess Yg Bhg Tun would choose to stay in the Palace Hotel there where the minimum rate was at least 13,000 Swiss Franc per night back then

in 1992.

Well again, Yg Bhg Tun why my Muqaddimah is about Switzerland is because back then in december 1992 a copy of the IHT that i purchased in St Moritz has also published news about the Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin statement and of course yours goes as well without having to mention la Yg Bhg Tun and Malaysian economy back then.

In one of the biggest ski equipment for rental/sale outlet, I got so suprise to know that it was owned and operated by a chinese(Hokkien) from Penang. Well, he spoke to me in BM and it was like a reunion of Malaysians la back then Yg Bhg Tun.

The ski area and mountain looks so nice and he told me that Yg Bhg Tun Daim owned one of the exclusive bungalow there. (well I assume it is true la Yg Bhg Tun and it is good to know that wealthy Malaysian has owned property in the place fits only for the global rich and famous).

Well, back to your current posting of Proton progress. Yg Bhg Tun you might not be as happy as now if the previous PM is still in power. Alhamdullillah, Proton has made progress but bear in mind that to ensure that your legacy is safe and sound, only your skillful political manouvering will ensure that for otherwise a repeat false promise when handing over power in 2003 will be repeated once more or twice more or even thrice more etc etc. InsyaAllah, you know best on how to handle it.

I talked about Proton as Timbalan Penghulu in the BTN camp meant for postgraduate students going to UK in 1995 at Kem Sungai Chermay Kuala Pilah Negeri Sembilan. I told the participants quoting your own words those days as the PM that when you have make a decision you expect it to be implemented be it right or wrong, thus the result even despite getting opposition from your own cabinet members, you proceeded with the proton project and it was a proven success when you started driving the proton at the Penang bridge back then. Well, talking at the rostrum was not easy , it did require some research but it was worth it as it was a BTN camp and perhaps a mini Ibadah Camp too as well as it incorporated the compulsory attendance of Solat & Kuliah Subuh in the small camp near the jungle of Kem Sungai Chermay Kuala Pilah NS while many were seeing snoring during the Kuliah Subuh. Those were the days my friends.....

InsyaAllah, your plan as the adviser of proton will materialize with the re appointment of your original blue eye boy (man now la Tun) for proton as the Proton Chairman. Looking forwards and moving forwards, a billion euro question is how to preserve your legacy.

Well Yg Bhg Tun enjoy your day there in Geneva and Salam Solat Qasar/Jamak Zohor & Asar there today . Wassalam wbt

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By LeeCampwinAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:16 PM

Malaysia-US Enjoying Warmer Ties - Nazri

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=478578>

Excellent government policy under PM Najib. So gladful about it.

By GhazalisAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:02 PM

I am quite happy with Proton progress lately. The exterior car design is very good. Examples are Persona and Gen-2. I can say, the design has met people expectation. The ride handling is very good - thanks to Lotus.

Now new CAMPRO Turbo is just around the corner, hopefully it will be a great success and further enhance performance of Proton's cars.

However, Proton need to further improve interior design. When 2 brittle or hard materials such as PVC connected together, it will create some rattling sound after sometimes. It should be alternately connected between hard and soft material, so that the soft material can absorb the noise. Cannot wait to see this improvement, because latest proton cars such as Exora and Persona still not equipped with these materials.

By melayuAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:35 PM

Maaf Tun, pada saya Proton kena ambil lagi ramai quality engineer. sebab quality engineer sekarang ialah pengguna sendiri.

Asyik2 rosak asyik2 rosak. Mahal pulak spare part.

tapi kot mana pun saya respek kat Tun.

By kamarAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:34 PM

Hi Tun,

I like your post.

For those who says Proton is expensive and all, though!, Work harder. Do not write a negative things when you cannot afford to buy one.

See thru a bigger hole, because of Proton, our economy is better as more people get paid, thus You Fools can have jobs. Do not compare us with Thailand and Indonesia only on this, why you didn't compare on why so many poor people begging and sleeping under the bridge in Thailand and Indonesia??

I say, Proton is having good progress in only 25 years. Japan need almost about the same time for them to produce a drivable cars.

By liverpool360Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:31 PM

salam tun

saya mmg berbangga dgn kejayaan msia skarang..ribuan terima kasih untuk tun..tp apa yg di highlight dalam komen2 sebelum ni patut di ambil berat..beberapa persoalan seperti harga kereta yg mahal di msia..apa yg sy dgr dan lihat di dalam internet, harga proton di msia lebih mahal dari harga proton di negara lain..itu yg saya tau..pasal kualiti proton xperlu rase nye saya ckpkan lg..ramai yg da tau..Tun mmg hebat, tp artikel Tun untuk proton ni seperti tidak menunjukkan kehebatan tun..saya menganggap tun sebagai idola saya..Tp tun, harga kereta di msia mmg membebankan..saya baru menamatkan pelajaran saya dan skarang saya adalah engineer di sebuah kilang dgn gaji RM 2000.. Cube Tun kira, PTPTN yg saya kena bayar RM 100 sebulan, Sewa rumah RM 150, Duit untuk ibu bapa RM 200, duit makan RM 500, Duit minyak pergi keje RM 200, duit telefon RM 50, kalau saya beli persona byrn bulanan dalam RM 500..tinggal lah 300 tun..mcmne saya nk simpan duit..tu belum duit untuk insuran saya..da byk lg selingan yang saya pun xtau..tu saya yg bergaji RM 2000..mcmne ngan operator yg gaji cume RM 700..sebenanye tu yg rakyat marah tun..saya masih di kira beruntung sbb gaji saya RM 2000..tu pun masih xmampu nk beli kereta..cume pakai kereta kancil buruk yg asik rosak..taraf hidup da tinggi tun, harga barang sume mahal, bukan kereta jer..sume harga barang mahal tun skarang..mcm2 tax kena..tp gaji tetap kecil..saya xtau mcmne operator saya yg bekerja bawah saya..apalah yg diorg mkn dgn gaji 700..ada ank 2 3 org..ish saya mmg xleh pk la.. kalau brg mahal, kereta mahal tp gaji besar x jd beban tun..ni brg mahal tp gaji ciput je..mcmne la jenayah nk kurang ble org nk mkn pun xde duit..skarng sume berpunca dari pendapatan..saya rase persona harga 100ribu pun org x bising kalau gaji yg dapat mampu milik..tp nk beli motor kapcai pun kena fikir 3 4 kali..yg kaya mmg xkan tau kesusahan org kat bawah tun, tp org kat bawah merana sapa yg nk ambil berat tun..sy tau komen saya ni xkan memberi apa2 perubahan, tp saya rase bole melegakan perasaan org yg berpendapatan rendah yg membacanye..negara makin maju tp rakyat makin susah..saya harap tun paham dan bole memperjuangkan nasib rakyat yg kesempitan..xguna lg nk berpolitik pasal pembangkang ke, pasal pak lah ke, memperjuang kan kesamaan untuk rakyat lg penting saya rase.. tun bole contact saya dgn email saya..rakyat yg susah yg penting tun skarang..negara dah maju da..dia akan terus maju dgn sendirinye bila rakyat kita xsusah lg..sekian tun..semoga tun terus sihat..saya sayang kat TUN,

By shahrulAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:21 PM

proton would progress more if there is less "political factor" in proton's organization. Proton shold have a better planner especially on the product range, pricing, project development & internal investment. If Proton uses this blog as a booster on the investors confidence, then mr. T says "i pity the fool".

By orang kampungAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:13 PM

Salam Tun yang di hormati,

1. Kebanyakan negara membangun menjadikan industri permotoran sebagai salah satu nadi penggerak ekonomi mereka.
2. Amerika Syarikat berbangga dengan kereta GM, Ford dan Crysler; German dengan Mercedes Benze dan BMW; Britain dengan Bentley, Roll-R dan Jaguar; Perancis dengan Citroen ;Jepun

dengan Toyota, Honda dan Nissan, Korea Selatan dengan Hyundai dan Kia; maka Malaysia dengan Proton, Perodua dan Naza.

3. Setiap negara akan menjaga industri permotoran kerana ia menyumbang dari segi ekonomi dan sosial. Jika ada masalah, maka ia akan menjadi masalah yang besar kepada negara berkenaan.

4. Memang menyedihkan, jika benar ada segelintir orang Malaysia yang mahukan kemusnahan industri permotoran di Malaysia, dengan harapan mendapat keuntungan diri sendiri.

5. Dan lagi menyedihkan jika orang berkenaan, bukan sahaja tidak mengaku, malah memperlekehkan impian, usaha dan titik peluh semua yang terlibat dalam membangunkan, memajukan dan menjaga industri permotoran di Malaysia.

6. Tiap kebaikan akan mengalahkan kejahatan. Ini yang telah berlaku. Semua pihak yang telah bersusah payah dalam usaha memajukan industri permotoran ini rasa nya sedang mengecapi kemanisan usaha mereka.

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By pepatungAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:03 PM

From Stewie he wrote:

1. Maybe it could be because of the jet lag from having (probably from Malaysian Tax money i.e Proton or PETRONAS sponsored trip) , but your justification to have Proton is rather amusing and incoherent .)

2. Yeah, where did the RM 18 billion go. Did it go for an affordable and efficient public transport!

Hey Stewie,

You are trying so hard to be smart and wrote so foolishly by being sacastic with Tun's writing. It is good to be critical but dont make a false allegeation for the things that you yourself do not know or not even sure.

You have to understand when people of Tun's caliber, they have an excess and privileges to information that we the normal people dont. When Tun discovered that some smart Malaysian citizen sold MV Agusta for RM 4 to Gevi Spa, I remember that time mostly said MV Agusta was a burden to Proton, its share dropped so much and etc and justify the RM 4 decision. Finally we also knew that MV Augusta was sold to Harley for EU100 million and its another sub brand to BMW for another EU100 million. Now we know that Tun's opposition of selling is true but it is too late. Do we blame ourselves for condoning the 'Robbers' action? No right?? We just move on and pretend it was nothing to do with us. Not Taxpayer money. It is Proton's money and it's problem. Why??? people even how stupid they are, try to act smart or worse they become parrot-talk only but not understand.

Even I dont have any Proton in my garage, I love Proton. I love them to be better, cheaper to own, better engineering, better safety feature and a much better car as a whole.

Being a consumer, I have a choice to make which better suit me most. I own 1 Mercedes, 1 Datsun Fairlady, 1 Ford, 1 Suzuki and Citroen all I bought 2nd hand. For example my Merc E230 year 1997 I bought for RM 48,000 few days back. Why dont I buy Proton? Because Merc is a better car all round while I can get new Proton but it cant give the quality and prestige of Merc. I have a choice to make here. Yes , it was a wise choice because I bought it under market value and I feel " rich".

Again, did my act not patriotic? Selling and buying car has nothing to do with patriotism, it is just business what is the best choice to make with limited amount of money. To Proton, good luck!!!

By Rimba EmasAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 7:26 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T

1) PADA TAHUN LEPAS RIMBA EMAS TELAH MEMOHON PINJAMAN MELALUI PUBLIC BANK UNTUK MENJUAL KERETA LAMA NISSAN SUNNY UNTUK MENDAPATKAN KERETA PROTON SAGA MELALUI GERAN BANTUAN KERAJAAN RM5000 ATAS KERETA LAMA YANG DI TOLAK.

2) MALANGNYA SETELAH PINJAMAN DILULUSKAN KERAJAAN TELAH MENGHENTIKAN PEMBERIAN INSENTIF ITU PADA HARI KEESOKAN HARINYA,OLEH ITU RIMBA EMAS MASIH MEMAKAI KERETA LAMA SEHINGGLAH SEKARANG.

3) ERONISNYA RIMBA EMAS SELALU TERLEPAS SEMUA BANTUAN YANG DIBERI OLEH KERAJAAN ITU. BEGITULAH ORANG YANG AMAT MEMERLUKAN BANTUAN SELALUNYA KECEWA OLEH KUASA SIAPA CEPAT DIA DAPAT.SEPATUTNYA MEREKA YANG MENUKAR DARI KERETA KELUARAN LAIN PATUT DIDAHULUKAN.BARULAH MENUNJUKKAN KEJAYAAN PROTON MENGATASI KERETA NEGARA LAIN.

4) BEGITULAH JUGA DENGAN KEADAAN SEKARANG BOLEH JADI PROTON MEMPUNYAI STRATEGI UNTUK MENAIKKAN KUALITI JENAMA PROTON INI PADA PANDANGAN ORANG LUAR DENGAN BERSAING DENGAN JENAMA TERKENAL LAIN DALAM F1. INI SUDAH DILAKUKAN OLEH JENAMA TOYOTA.

5) SEBELUM INI KITA HANYA MENIRU STRATEGI 'TONY FERNANDES' ATAS MEMURAHKAN HARGA.SEBENARNYA KITA LUPA BAHAWA KUASA SAUDARA 'TONY FERNANDES' JUGA KEPADA SASARAN MEREKA YANG MENGGUNAKAN PENGGANKUTAN AWAM DIDARATAN YANG LEBIH BESAR DARI YANG SELALU MENGGUNAKAN KAPALTERBANG.

6) KERETA TOYOTA KELUAR DARI F1 KERANA INGIN MELAWAN KUASA KERETA HYUNDAI DARI SEGI KUALITI KERANA KOS HYUNDAI AWALNYA ATAS KUALITI TIDAK PERLU SEPERTI PROTON UNTUK MENGIMPOT ILMU KEPAKARAN.

7) OLEH ITU FIKIRLAH (OUT OF THE BOX) AKAN SASARAN PENGGUNA PROTON MASA HADAPAN KALAU NEGARA INDIA DAN CHINA MENGGELUARKAN KERETA SENDIRI YANG LEBIH MURAH DARI PROTON.

8) INGAT! NAIK DAN JATUH ASAM GARAM KEHIDUPAN.

WALLAHU'ALAM

By ruzainrezaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 7:22 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya syukur kerana Tun ada pelbagai wawasan yg bagus utk Malaysia. Saya rasa Proton boleh bertambah maju jika isu2 remeh seperti power window dll diberi perhatian lebih. Prestasi enjin, handling & durability model2 baru mmg bagus utk class yang sama. Semoga satu hari Proton akan mengeluarkan kereta seperti Honda & Toyota. Insyaallah. Honda mula tahun 1948. Proton 1983. Sikit lagi samalah.

To Stewie, if you are a Malaysian you should respect an elder statesman. Disregard your personal opinion on the person during commenting on an issue. I guess noblesse oblige is something u need to wiki on. Is this how u speak to ur grandparents & parents? Adab sopan santun bila bercakap tak belajar dekat sekolah ke? Saya pasti cikgu SRJK/SRK pun ajar murid2 kecil sopan santun waktu pendidikan moral.

Malaysia do not have infinite fund and its the Government's policy not to borrow heavily for any reason. We cannot be building LRT/monorail/trains to service the whole nation at one go. It must be done in phases.

Did the Government force anyone to stay in a relatively new area without train services? Look at all old township in KL. The public transport is there to see.

Halt the bollocks talk as if only in Malaysia traffic jams are bad. Im working in Europe so I can definitely say every morning and evening the traffic congestion in all major cities are more less same to Malaysia. Cikgu kat sekolah ajar kamu menipu jugak ke? Kalau ye pun marah present ur comment in a better written manner la kawan. Facts not lies and assumptions based on ur figure of imaginations. There is no ideal cities w/o traffic jams in this world.

Im a Penyokong buatan Malaysia bukan skeptical unpatriotic backward Malaysian!

-Majulah Malaysia-

By Nothing But WindAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 6:31 PM

Dear Tun Dr M.

When the 1st model of the Proton cars were launched in the middle of 80s many skeptical Malaysians came up with unfounded serious complaints about the car. Since the car was then cheapest in Malaysian car market, many bought the car reluctantly as it fits their budget. Eventually, after using the car for some time, they were relieved of the fear of driving Proton. They felt that Proton cars are really value for money.

Of course you can't get the comfort and the competency of a Mercedes Benz in a Proton car. During the past 35 year Proton had come up with a variety of models. Nearly all had good demand in the local market except for the failed models such as Proton Putra, Proton Limousine and Proton Campro.

If at all there is one car which is cheap, value for money and very few (minor) complaint, it must be the Proton Saga. You could still see a lot of those cars running on the road safely and comfortably.

However, we just can't be proud of Proton because it is doing extremely well in the local scene. We must also look at its marketability and acceptance outside Malaysia (This effort seem to have died down lately). The most practical and potential market we should venture into is the ASEAN market. If the features, price and the marketing of Proton Models in Asean is right, there should not be any difficulty in marketing Proton models in those countries (where the major marketing factor would be value for money).

By nagoyaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 6:23 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan Keluarga,

When I saw your photo few weeks ago with The Proton Mr.Nice look a like , I said to my staff that Tun will be writing a very good comments about PROTON soon. Now we have it.Dear Tun as I mentioned it earlier,Pihak Proton hanya akan menunjukkan perkembangan mereka di tahap UP STREAM saja kepada TUN , tetapi jika di lihat kepada perkembangan mereka DOWN STREAM adalah amat tidak memuaskan di mana yang akan menerimanya adalah pihak pengguna . Rakyat Malaysia juga yang terpaksa menanggung nya.Wassalam Tun.

By Cucu-cicit Datuk Maharaja LelaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 6:10 PM

Assalamualaikum warahmatullah dan salam sejahtera,
Salam hormat Ayahanda Tun Mahathir,

(Rujuk: By gunse007 on March 2, 2010 10:34 AM

if u have set up automobile industry similar to thailand, malaysia wud have been different....
your proton produce junk cars, quality ones are expensive and over protected.....)

Kata kami,

gunse007,
If only you know how to be smart.
Again, GROW UP!!!

gunse007,
Do you want to go to Thailand?
I repeat, 'Thai' land.
do you?

poor gunse007,
Do you understand 'perseverance'?

'or'

do you understand A,B,C,D,E,F,G....

'and',

do you understand from A.. to F..?

do you understand from A1.. to F1..?

Grow Up!,

Yes, Up! Up! Up!

Grow Up gunse007! Grow Up!
By yayAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:44 PM

Yes, Proton-Lotus coming up with F1 car.....others like Honda, Jourdan are pulling out...what is the rationale behind this....!

At home Proton was the number one seller at one time.....due to protections from the government.....in later years the government surely cannot protect Proton anymore.....open markets....

I have owned a few Protons...from Saga Magma, Saga Megavalves, Savvy and Satria Neo...all of them only good up to third month, since then problems.....here and there, I still keep the Savvy and Satria Neo....no buyers or get too low price for them.....both Savvy and Satria having

squeaky front brakes.....till to date cannot be solved by Proton Service!

Proton should..... whatever accessories provided to the UK to be available in local market....what is so special about the UK?....and we are subsidizing them.....Malaysian tax payers!

I would suggest Proton to open markets and set up plants in Africa and other SE Asian countries where the cars can be produced there, start producing left hand drives for those markets.....!

Most of big players in this industries have join together or close down.....Proton should find a good foreign partner to provide good support.....or will face closure in the future.....lots of jobs will be affected!

By cikokuiAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:29 PM

Satu perkara yang ajaib yang selalu diceritakan ialah
"Proton tak bagus kalau dibandingkan dengan jenama import luar negara"

Tapi sedarkah mereka yang dibandingkan itu adalah jenama yang berada di pasaran lebih dari 80 tahun dan ada yang sudah mencecah 100 tahun?

Logikkah kita membandingkan Proton yang baru berusia 30 tahun dengan Jenama lain yang sudah mencecah 100 tahun?

Bagi saya, 30 tahun dalam bidang ini, proton telah menunjukkan prestasi yang baik. matlamat utk mewujudkan ramai jurutera kereta dahulu, sekarang berjaya dicapai. ramai jurutera malaysia di proton. rosak itu dan ini itu biasalah. volvo juga ada kalanya model2nya rosak. ini boleh dimasukkan dalam kategori Manufacturer Defect.(lebih kurangnya)

setakat ini, jenama apa yang sama umur dengan Proton? yang sama umur dan lebih maju dari proton?

By sullyAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:27 PM

Salam hormat Tun Mahathir

Saya turut bersukacita karna bangsa ini yang di panggil brainless di Malaysiakini dapat membuktikan keupayan melaksanakan project yang menguntungkan negara.Tanpa bantuan dari unsur2 lain terciptanya impian dan kebanggaan bangsa.Selamat saya ucapkan agar bangsa ini senantiasa tidak di pandang rendah dan yang akan datang dapat buktikan kemahiran dalam segala bidang apa pun.Saya percaya tanpa pendatang asing Malaysia tetap maju menjadi Negara Maju hari medatang.Pada mereka yang menentang kerjaan harus meyadari bahawa sebahagian besar rakyat Malaysia baik di Malaysia atau di seberan laut dan bangsa serumpun mendukung Tun dan sangat menghargai kecapaian bangsa hasil dari kepimpinan dan perkobananan Tun sendiri.

By USDfanAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:03 PM

salam...

ye la tu Tun..Progress Proton tu memang bagus sejak kebelakangan nie..tu tk bleh la

dinafikan...syabas proton..

tapikan Tun...proton tu makin ok lepas Tun merajuk yg si TM tu disingkirkan...Tun pulang semua kete proton...merajuk org da lanjut usia memang cam tu kan..hehehe

6 tahun Tun takde sibuk² kt Proton ...makin maju company nie...tetiba skarg sape ntah yg jemput Tun jeguk² kt Proton?...mcm risau jek tgk caraya nie...harap² Tun tk rosakkan rancangan DSZ nk majukan Proton tu ehh...kekadang kejuruteraan tk sama ngan politik ...jd tkyah la Tun sibuk² sgt...bosan da ngan Tun...tk semua bende kite bleh politikan...mostly engeneering...salah tetap salah!

By IdeaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 4:35 PM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for the update. I am glad with the news.

1. The selling of MV Augusta was a mischief. The fact that BMW and Harley Davidson paid huge sums of money proved MV Agusta was worth much higher than 1 Euro.

2. No major improvement made to MV Agusta between 2005 and 2007. What the Italian dullard did was just re-financing the company.

3. In spite of the bike market slow down, the Husqvarna is generating revenue. On the other hand, Harley Davidson is planning to sell MV Agusta. Let us see how much it is selling for.

4. The disposal of MV Agusta, if it was even necessary, should not be done precipitously. Proper exercise like tendering should have been done to reflect the integrity of a government linked company.

By ezmil75Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 4:14 PM

Wow! An Exora Turbo! Must be a blast to drive.

Malaysians are eagerly waiting for the introduction of hybrid Proton which could be sold at a cheaper price compared to current hybrids being sold in Malaysia such as the Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius. If the majority of cars in Malaysia have hybrid drivetrain, then we would reduce the consumption of fuel and at the same time cut emission from cars.

Proton proves that Malaysian is just as good as any Europeans or even the Japanese in designing and building cars. I think it is time for Malaysia to venture into shipbuilding and aircraft industry in a big way. I know we can do it!

Malaysia Boleh!

By RaziAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 4:05 PM

Assalamualaikum ..

Tahniah Tun berjaya mengilhamkan proton dan menamakan kejayaannya.

Pada mereka yg sentiasa tidak puas hati dengan proton, sebenarnya bukan proton yg bermasalah cuma attitude dan jati diri kita yg berlu di renung dulu.

bila timbul masalah saja: ,, ahh proton..

mengapa kita selalu memandang tinggi dengan kualiti seperti honda atau toyota sampaikan seolah olahnya tak ada sebarang cacat cela.

Nah baru2 ni di gemparkan yg kononya toyota adalah jenama paling berkualiti keluaran dari jepun, dikatakan mengalami masalah dari segi keselamatan, dikatakan design paddle minyak dengan brek boleh mengakibatkan kemalangan. Terbaru selepas itu kereta keluaran Honda pula di panggil balik untuk tujuan penambahbaikan ciri keselamatan ekor daripada tindakan awal terhadap toyota.

saya rasa ini semua disebabkan oleh kealpaan dan tindakan "ahh bolehlah" bahagian Kawalan Kualiti sesebuah organisasi.

Semoga proton maju dan terus maju.

By drrafickAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 3:31 PM

Dear Tun

I saw the news featuring you on TV sitting in the cockpit of the lotus design racing car. Quite impressive but I beg to differ on what you have written above

(1) Success of a company should not be based on "spending money" and painting of a good picture but rather profitability. Record shows that almost all proton subsidiaries is losing money.

(2) In terms of new products, it is good that proton is looking into a hybrid products and its participation in Geneva Motor show. It will give proton some publicity. I am not sure whether it has any significant marketing mileage though.

(3) I would like propose to you and ask Proton to be the first mover in the market of "personal mobility" Typically all major cities in the world is suffering from traffic congestion and impact of increasing oil price. In reality if we look at our own roads, there is an average of 1 person per car on the road at peak hours.

(4) In Malaysia, public transport is far from satisfactory in terms of accesibility and level of service. This cause people to drive.

(5) We should be looking at developing a small 2 person vehicle (3 tyres) which provide all whether protection.

Design must be compact enough and operates on a small engine of about 250cc. Honda (3R-C) and other major players are already into this segment but their products are pricey. Proton should take this first mover advantage.

It must be price competitive and at the same time looks desirable enough for people to buy. Can you look into it. It will help to ease traffic congestion and improve air quality. Thank you.

By sayangTunMAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 3:27 PM

My first car (2000) - Kancil 850

2nd car (2002) - Wira AB 1.5 Auto

Current Car (2006) - Perdana V6

I support local cars. No problems on these cars especially my beloved Perdana.

My advice:

1. Follow the maintenance and parts replacements schedule.

2. Do not make any modifications.

3. Use original parts

4. Do not drive like kacang hantu

By ManaBolehAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 3:06 PM

Yes proton indeed improved over the 25 years but with govt. grants and protection they should be further ahead ! Proton has created many jobs for the ppl and opened up chances for many vendors but are they world class ? I doubt it. The car prices here in Msia is a joke ! The price we pay for a waja can get us a decent continental car in other country ! We are paying through our nose to drive a decent car becoz of all the taxes and excise duties on foreign cars ! Why ? Becoz without it Proton will not survive ! I agreed in the beginning we have to protect Proton, but after 25 years ! They still need those protection and they have not improve much in term of quality and design of their cars ! How much longer do they need to walk without those crutches ? Tun give them a time frame or find a partner that can help them do it. We cannot go on forever carrying this "baby" till it 30's ! If Proton can match the japanese and even the Koreans in term of safety and design we will be very proud of them.

Buying Proton doesnt show you are more patriotic but you have no choice without paying through your nose, get it ?

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:56 PM

you said "The two foreign drivers, Jarno Trulli and Hekki Kovalainen, were very experienced. Fairuz Fauzi our Malaysian driver was the first to test-drive the car in Spain. I hope he would get a chance to drive in the actual race. I wish them the best of luck."

fairuz maybe good for other races but not F1. You will be lucky if these 2 mat salleh drivers drive well to avoid last 3 places from circuit after circuit for the next 10 yrs.

lotus is build by europeans not malaysians. even though you put up few engineers there to help

them out.

i have no doubt with malaysian engineers capability. i myself work overseas bring in foreign exchange into malaysia for the past 5 yrs unlike the politicians who bring out money to buy property in australia and UK...

but when u bring quota system to lotus, you will corrupt the team.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:46 PM

you said "I was pleasantly surprised that by the time I arrived on February 22, not only could I sit in the racer and start the engine but the car itself had been undergoing trial races in Spain. They had brought back the car for me to sit in and start the engine. The next day they were to take the car back to Spain for further speed trials."

what a waste of money again, they bring the car from Spain to England just to let you sit in it and start the engine, then the next day bring it back to Spain for further testing.

that shows how wasteful you are.

dont criticize badawi and khairy when you are just like them or even worse.

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:46 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By Stewie on March 2, 2010 11:57 AM

Maybe it could be because of the jet lag from having (probably from Malaysian Tax money i.e Proton or PETRONAS sponsored trip) , but your justification to have Proton is rather amusing and incoherent .

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THIS DISRESPECT AND UNGRATE-FOOL WITH A 'ABI' AND 'DUMB' MENTALITY UNDERSTANDABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE RATIONALE BEHIND AYAHANDA TUN'S POINTERS... JUST HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGED HIM AS A STEWED BRAIN NAMED 'STEWIE'
NOT WORTH THE BREATH CLARIFYING FURTHER TO THIS STEWED-UP SON-OF-A

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AS A WISEMAN SAYS... 'A MAGICAL DONKEY TALKING THRU ITS ARSE', ONLY FIT FOR THE DUMPS OF CHEDET.CC

By eismailAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:38 PM

YBhg Tun:

Lotus is a company owned by Malaysian and being a race car shouldering the image of the nation, perhaps the Malaysian color theme ought to be more prominent on the car.

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:36 PM

to have malaysia inject capital for this F1 is sheer arrogance and stupidity of all those approved and support lotus to race.

This country is led by a Pak Pandir and Angan-angan Mat Jenin gangs.

After wasting billions of dollars and getting "top 3 last places" for the next 10 years to come, u people will realize.

We are not happy with F1 and your stupid Monsoon Cup in Terengganu.
The only thing I support is Petronas involvement in sponsoring and enhancing their fuel and lubricant market.

Even people like Hassan Merican (capable person) thrown out for so called reach 'retirement age' 57yrs.

Many politician after age 55 still dont get lost from the Rakyat.

By mahyuddinAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:22 PM

After reading your posting Tun, I only have to say SYABAS to Proton for their good work.

The technology transfer works in the automobile industry.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:19 PM

PROTON is 6 letters, please do pardon me for that oversight. One of those days I presume.

By allyh GombakAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:11 PM

Salam Tun..

I never used others than PROTON since my first WIRA 1995 model. Every thing Ok..kecuali a few minor problem.

TAPI Tun...saya di kecewakan apabila my first 1000km EXORA free services ...Kena tendang mcm bola...From there I know, proton is prepared to produce new car and new technology...BUT their Services Centre "hancuss". They can even gave reason "Proton takdak hantar barang la (spare part)...lu hantar HQ la...itu hujung KESAS H/Way". Kena la saya ambil cuti 1 hari for free servis and check absorber EXORA yg berbunyi tu...

Proton will not recall ther car. like TOYOTA...betul tak Tun? So, service after sales amat-amat penting for me (and for all proton users)...baru ada class...kalu asyik nak jaga LOTUS jer, wat ape...itu produk MAT SALEH la...

By Wenger J KhairyAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 2:04 PM

Dear Tun and Readers,

There are some facts, a lot of "not so facts" (insinuations) and statistics. I will defer to the Tun's

noble readership whether they want to hear the truth.

If not, I will wish Tun a good day and, as always, best of luck to the citizens of this country, especially the 10 million workers who may or may not be part of the 300,000 workers.

Wenger J. Khairy

By penerokaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 1:38 PM

Dear Tun,

Good to hear Proton is back on track, in fact the giant of the Big Threes are filing their bankruptcy (except for Ford).

You sincere comments will indeed enhancing the Proton's brand. Those who read your blog will share to others. The multiplying effect is so great and it is good for Proton.

Proton Boleh! Good job!

By pepatungAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 1:38 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

So far I bought 5 cars and non of it are Proton. With my income about RM 4,000 a month buying a new car with more than 5 years loan is never an option to me. Luckily my passion for modifying cars makes buying new car is the last thing I will do.

All my cars price were below RM 30,000 when I bought it. My first car was Ford Tx3 which was my very first car which I loaned RM 27,800 and paid installment at RM 600/mth. I bought it after 1 year saving my money while I worked at Prudential Assurance with RM 1,800/mth basic salary.

With RM salary of RM 1600plus nett a month and paying RM 600/mth for car loan for 5 years plus fuel another RM 300/mth, I had a big hole in my pocket every month. I spent more than half my salary on car only.

Why I bought Ford Tx3 in the 1st place? Not a Proton? Actually I was considering to take Proton, a 6 year-old gold color sedan that time. However the 2nd hand Proton was more expensive than Ford Tx3 1.8. The Proton with 1.5cc, carburated was RM 36,000 compare with Ford TX3 1.8 and fuel injection at RM 31,800. After comparing the specs, it was wiser to buy Ford TX3. The 2nd hand Proton with lower specs was over-priced in the market. Buying the Ford was a very good decision for me as the Ford was exhilarating to drive then even now.

My others 3 cars are Citroen 2.0 ZX 2 doors CBU sport, equipped with immobiliser, airbag, disc brakes all round and ABS which I bought for RM 21,000 in 2005 is a superb car especially in corner. This Citroen was much cheaper, more body strength, more powerful than the nearest rival from Proton, Satria GTi and Putra which was price at RM 50,000 plus that time. My monthly installment for that Citroen was just RM 375 for 5 years and with my salary already

more than 3,000 a mth, I can spent more on something else. Financial wise, I just spent 1/10 of my salary for that car and hell yeah... it was a good decision.

My other 2 cars are Suzuki Vitara I bought it RM 10,000 cash for my fancy in fishing in weekend and a Datsun 280ZX, an antic sport car for my passion in automotive history.

How can we make a local car cheaper? Malaysia should done better and Government must manage all our resources effectively and make our Ringgit stronger so that we can buy things cheaper.

In UK, BMW 318 cost only 17,000 pound. Imagine our Ringgit is stronger as Pound, RM 2,000/mth salary man can afford to buy BMW 318i... It is heaven. It is impossible now but it is possible then, who knows.

I am not saying we should buy a BMW if we Ringgit are stronger but why cant we implies the idea it to our local cars? Proton, Perodua, Naza, Inokom etc? I still remember the 1st Proton Saga was RM 15,000 new in 1984/85.

If the local made cars are cheaper, better and worth the money paid, I would say, my 1st ever brand new local made car will be in my dirty garage. I am such a kedekut guy but a wiser patriotic guy at the same time. I love Proton, I am patriotic and I love my money. Being a patriotic also come at certain price....

By Hafiz AzmiAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 1:13 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

Sebagai rakyat Malaysia saya berbangga melihat kemajuan proton sekarang, walaupun sebelum ini agak merudum. Sebagai syarikat pengeluar kereta utama Malaysia, proton perlu merancang lebih jauh lagi.

Kerjasama erat bersama lotus adalah satu perkembangan yang baik dan perlu diteruskan pada masa akan datang dan lebih kerap. Pembabitan proton dan lotus ke F1 sudah tepat pada waktunya, kerana sudah sampai pada ketika kita perlu melangkah untuk membuktikan pada dunia bahawa Malaysia juga boleh menghasilkan teknologi perlumbaan sendiri.

Saya antara rakyat Malaysia yang berbangga dengan proton sebagai kereta buatan Malaysia.

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By rizalman73Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 12:43 PM

Aslm'kum Tun,

Sekali lagi tulisan Tun menunjukkan kepada seluruh rakyat Malaysia yang bertuah ini apa yang Tun nampak dan apa yang mereka tidak nampak atau buat-buat tak nampak.

Tun jangan bimbang, Tun mempunyai ramai penyokong yang terdiri dari mereka yang dalam lingkungan umur pertengahan yang kini berjawatan besar dan berpengaruh hasil dari dasar

pendidikan dan asuhan ketika Tun menjadi Perdana Menteri. Mereka ini tidak akan membiarkan Tun dimalukan atau dipelecehkan kerana Tun sama tarafnya dengan bapa dan datuk mereka. Mereka ini juga tidak suka bising-bising atau cakap kuat-kuat, mereka memilih untuk bertindak dalam diam.

Kita kini kembali berada dilandasan yang betul dan lancar ke arah mengembalikan maruah bangsa dan negara akibat penjajahan.

Tun beritahu orang-orang Inggeris yang kita Malaysia akan kibarkan kembali 'Union Jack' dipasada dunia melalui kejuruteraan permotoran dan bukan melalui peperangan serta penjajahan. Seunggul 'Spitfire' dengan enjin 'Merlin' ketika eranya.

By azlibossAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 12:36 PM

Dear Sir,

I could still remember when I was young and my father bought a Proton Saga. Everytime we drove the car, all eyes were on us as if we were driving a luxurious car.

After almost 30 years, it started to bear fruits. Joe the plumber will not be able to visualize this 30 years ago. I hope it would help young and bright engineers to grow. With pool of talent unleashed I am certain we will see some innovative ideas arise.

I do hope that we are going forward. Just look at China. We were ahead before but in no time, they are way ahead of us now.

P/S Still keeping my finger cross to ride a bullet train at home turf...

By crazy diamondAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 12:01 PM

Dear Tun,

The down syndrome in denial Mr. Ir. Syahrizan would surely doesn't like this post. It is believe that he probably have personal vendetta agaisnt Proton due to his past bad experienced with Proton. But, the facts that you have elaborated here clearly shown Proton is moving in the right direction to become world class car manufacturer. It probably sound too optimistic, but we need to be optimistic rather than pessimistic. Automotive engineering is a bechmark on how develop is that country. If the German, Japan, Korea, China and France really proud of their national car, we should therefore feel proud too with Proton.

It remind me of Volkswagen shares being bought over by Porche in order to prevent "a hostile foriegn take over". This is because the German are really proud of their national car. Unlike, we in Malaysia especially Ir Syahrizan who think Proton is a burden to Malaysian especially to Ir Syahrizan, not for something that we can be proud of at all.

By StewieAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:57 AM

Maybe it could be because of the jet lag from having (probably from Malaysian Tax money i.e Proton or PETRONAS sponsored trip) , but your justification to have Proton is rather amusing and incoherent .

You said

“Some people said that the price of cars in Malaysia is very high because the Government is protecting Proton. Actually the high price is due to the Government's attempt to discourage petrol guzzling big cars. Whether there is Proton or not Malaysians will pay a high price for their cars. Cheap cars will lead to even worse jams than now.”

Hello ! Cheap cars don't cause jams. Poor public transport causes jams! Cars are cheaper in Germany , but the jams in Malaysia are worst. Why, poor public transport system!

You wrote !

“Most people started to own cars only after Proton cars were produced. Such was the increase in the usage of cars that in one 10-year period.”

But I thought you said that you did not want so many cars on the road. All the other cars create jams, except Proton!

You wrote :

“Proton cars contributed 18 billion Ringgit towards Government revenue. Considering that the total Government investment was only RM480 million Ringgit in 1984-85, the returns on the investment must be considered very high. The people as a whole must benefit from Government expenditure of this large sum of money.”

Yeah, where did the RM 18 billion go. Did it go for an affordable and efficient public transport!
By Khairuddin Muhamad Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:48 AM

Salam Tun,

Sesiapa sahaja yang terlibat dengan penjualan Agusta dengan harga RM4 dan merancang untuk membangkrapkan Proton, sekaligus mematicakan legasi Tun di Malaysia adalah pengkhianat yang akan berbuat apa sahaja untuk agenda politik mereka.

Saya bersyukur kerana Tun masih hidup dan dapat berbuat sesuatu untuk menyelamatkan Proton, dan saya menanti hari untuk melihat orang yang bertanggungjawab menjual Agusta dengan harga yang menghinakan itu di bawa kemuka pengadilan.

Terima kasih Tun.

Khair

By frosley Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:35 AM

Dear Tun,

Yes. Proton has made much progress in it's 25 years of existence. It has progressed very much, and has opened many employment oppurtunities for it's employees, and for it's vendors.

Yes. I have to say that Proton could be better. There are times when I question Proton's ability and quality, especially in small matters i.e. the finishing, power window, the squeaking. But overall, it makes good cars (I can testify to that as I'm driving a 13 year old Satria, and it still runs well), and most importantly, Proton is progressing forward (though I think they should progress faster)

It is however the attitude of most (not all) Malaysians themselves that will hinder the development of Proton. Its simple, when a Proton car stalled by the roadside, they'll say "There you go. Proton cars. What a piece of crap they are. You don't see many BMW's or Merc's breaking down" and his companion will nod in agreement and they'll go on condemning Proton. Another example will be in designs. Say you put a Proton label on the new Vios, and you'll get remarks like "Damn its ugly!" or "Bodoh! Designers Proton makan gaji buta ke!" But since its on a Toyota. You get remarks like "Ehhh...ok what. Unique design" or "Hey, it's cute!" Yup...sure is cute. Putr a dugong beside a Vios, and you might mistake it for a very huge dugong.

It's just impossible. Whenever its Proton, its bad. This attitude has to change. That is how Honda became what they are now. And that's how Hyundai and Kia are beginning to make inroads today. Its because they have the support of their people.

By blink4blogAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:34 AM

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1. If government discourage people to drive, where are the public transport facilities being developed? If you live in Kota Damansara, Puchong and other newly developed areas, in the past ten years if you don't drive you can only stay home.

2. Why can we at least make Proton cars more quality and lesser problems out of the factory since we (the rakyat) are paying more expensive car than it should be?

3. What is the point when Proton have so many achievement in the foreign country but our local production cars still in not acceptable quality? Since Lotus owned by Malaysian entities and we still can't buy Lotus at the affordable price?

Tun, we all know Proton is your achievement and we are so proud that you made it but the implementators (execution) of your vision is always swayed and people put their angers and blame on you. Get it?

By jadiAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:29 AM

Dear Tun,

1. Good to know that Proton's now has respected you as their advisor. I am to believe that even your writings put credit to here & there, you must have planted your beautiful ideas to make Proton stand on where it is now.

2. Good also to know that some talented Malaysian engineer has participated to design or redesign all Proton newly cars.

3. My hope are Proton will continue to upgrade qualities of their car and stand high like the BMWs and Ferraris.

4. Take care Tun. I will always support Proton, dont worry.
By chiccoAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 11:03 AM

my first car proton iswara and second car proton new saga. i have 2 proton. so i support proton.
tq
By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:34 AM

if u have set up automobile industry similar to thailand, malaysia wud have been different....

cars in thailand and indonesia is way cheaper there than here.....
your proton produce junk cars, quality ones are expensive and over protected.....

u are the cause for the common ppl wasting money with car loans debts....
By Amir ALSAAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:27 AM

Salam Tun,
Since it was founded in 1983, Proton has indeed come a long way. It continues to provide employment opportunities to a great number of Malaysians.
Semoga Proton kekal maju.
By al-DinAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:24 AM

That's the way to go Proton, F1, Lotus. Viva Mahathir. Proton will roll out hybrid cars soon! Can we have more Petronas-Proton link-ups in developing frontier technologies and commercialization?

Ya, they have RM4 worth of brains, the side-burned bullfrog and the mastertoadlah.

For long term sustainability we must develop a maintenance culture which is now lacking. We like to remove and renew leaving little history left for generations to come to learn.

For long term sustainability we want leaderships with vision. The right vision that is.

The last time when I was with a research organisation (10 years ago), the leadership was harping

on downsizing and not expanding in order to cater for the complex demands of food supply for the continuously growing population. The leaderships' written English was horrible and yet their dissertation was voluminous! They won't allow us to publish in foreign journals.

Working in an another institution, the leadership (dean) is a Datuk professorship with a khalwat case! I hear a worse case at UNISEL. If these are the kind of leadership being promoted and maintained those in the higher echalons are not doing their job and should be removed. People can go but institutions must stay.

Malaysia wants to be self-sufficient in rice since mid-seventies and now by 2015. It is easy to proclaim such but what are the strategies and groundworks? Rice is not an easy crop to grow for from the minuscule to the beasts - virus, fungi, snails, birds, buffaloes, and climate - flood, drought, wind, pollution can lay a claim on the crop.

Malaysia is in dire need to establish a national rice research institute along the model of the successful Malaysian Palm Oil Board if we really care for the staple food of generations to come.
By Mis_bahAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:11 AM

Assalamu Alaikum Tun,

Tun, all these success are empowered by your previous "Malaysia Boleh" policies. Now, Najib is pushing them further by introducing the 1Malaysia spirit.
"Malaysia Boleh!" 1Malaysia!
By adnan77Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 10:01 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I have to agree with you that with the emergence of Proton in Malaysia, it has done a lot of good things to the rakyat. In fact, through Proton, we could produce our own car which can compete with other brands such as Honda and Toyota to name a few. Lots of professionals and jobs have been created to help the Bumiputra's which in a way, improve the standard of living and competitiveness in this globalisation world.

Again, being a middle income citizen, with just an average yearly income, I sincerely think that we also want some quality in, which i seriously think Proton needs to buckle up. True, even Toyota and Honda have their quality issues like the one they're facing in the States, but honestly, in the last 25 years, have Proton live up to the standards? They've been slacking off, by producing, underpower and non fuel efficient cars.

Dear Tun, being the advisor of Proton, i beg you to advice them to improve things. True, we can't ask for superb quality, but for an average income earners, paying the instalments already is killing us. How do you expect us to support the national brand if the power window also they can't make it right?

I'm not againts Proton. I think in terms of design and handling, i bet it beats the average Japanese

cars, hands down. But people will keep on complaining about quality issues. I hope Proton is looking at this very seriously. Please, with fuel prices will go up in the near future, for god sake Proton, please produce fuel efficient cars instead of turbo engine or other nonsense. The average Malaysian don't live in luxury house and drive flashy cars with Bling like the MD's and other CEO's. I believe you don't drive yourself a Proton Waja CPS do you Tun? hehehe.

Anyway, it's just my opinion. i'm sorry if i offended you. Hope to get your respond Sir.
Assalamualaikum and take care Tun.

By Capt.Jag2020Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:59 AM

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullah Dear Tun,

Alhamdulillah, we're finally and once again back into the line/ the right track....I can't help but to appreciate this development since it would become another stepping stone for us into something much greater...All I can say is...Thank you for all your visions, implementations and also all the hard

work that you've put in in order to ensure it's success. May Allah s.w.t bless you with great health,

life and put you among His blessed servants thus grant us the great victory!

"Long live the Malays, Islam, and Malaysia". Wassalam
By azmanyAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:52 AM

Tahniah di atas pencapaian Lotus dan terima kasih kerana visi, wawasan dan keteguhan Tun yang membuka jalan bagi industri di tanah air ini.

Saya harap Proton tidak tidur dan alpa kerana industri ini amat mencabar dan banyak syarikat kereta yang satu masa dahulu masyhur kini tersungkur dan mati. (Saab, MG, Rovers etc)
By Zul Abdul RahmanAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:42 AM

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam hormat kepada Tun Dr.Mahathir Mohamad dan Tun Dr.Siti Hasmah, dan salam penuh kasih dan sayang kepada semuanya,

PROTON-LOTUS DID IT!

This is it! The moment that we have been waiting for! The most enjoyable news and a fruitful writing from the great man of Malaysia, a very meaningful writing and thought that can touch people's heart, make one feel very deep inside, to the deepest part of their heart.

The ancient Malays described this feeling as, 'Sehingga Menusuk Ke Tulang Hitam' (Touched to the deepest part of the black blood in the bone).

CONGRATULATIONS PROTON-LOTUS!

Yes, congratulations to everyone especially to Tun Dr.Mahathir who had created this dreams (IMPIAN), and now, the dreams had come true!

This is such a great news, such huge event to everyone.

Imagine, a bunch of 'kampung boys', somewhere September 1985, about 7-8 years of age kid who play a hand made wooden racing car toys with the PROTON name on it,

what would they feel now to see that this dream had come true?

Don't you think that they will jump again like a kid again now?

of course, they surely will jump, but this time, they will jump at SEPANG F1 Circuit. Jump up sky high crying out loud PROTON name.

Indeed, they can't afford to buy a real remote control racing car last time because they are poor, but, this time with the great help of Tun Mahathir last time, they can afford to buy a F1 Ticket in SEPANG! Yes. One of them is surely me.

SALUTE to PROTON-LOTUS F1 Team.

This is to prove that Tun Dr. Mahathir promises is a believable promises. Achievable dreams.

The same dreams goes to 'The Helicopter Story' I once told to this court.

Soon, we are going to have our Helicopter! Believe it.

And yes, whats NEXT?

Thank you very much Tun Dr.Mahathir.

By pakpandir08Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:41 AM

Not sure whether Tun can help urging Proton management, to have a look on the power window and the light?

By Khabilan SivaGAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:37 AM

Dear Tun,

Glad to see you again in the blog.

What you have seen in England and Italy (Malaysian top executives and engineers) basically are the result of seeds that you planted many many years ago. Indeed we Malaysian have every quality to fly high as high as European or Japanese. Only thing is need to increase the quantity of

quality people with more widen education and training systems or whatever exposure that route to developing direction.

When talk about Proton; people talk about it's quality. Still many do not trust Proton's quality. This is fact;even it is bitter to write and read.

I still remember, back in 80's Honda cars had the same reputation. Some even said Honda cars made of recycled Milo tins. Obviously, that is not logic at all; but what make people to say so? that should be the matter.

If the company already start making money again; I believe Dato Nazmi Salleh also already start taking steps to improve Proton car's quality. A normal range of improvement will not help much to change current reputation. A drastic and concrete improvements are vital.

We Malaysian proud of Proton very much at least when see Singaporeans drive Proton cars. Only thing pls do not make cars like Tiara , Gen 2 and the previous MPV (I even can't recall it's name immediately).

By WokAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:32 AM

Tun,

"14. At one stage there were rumours of an attempt to practically bankrupt Proton so as to sell it off cheaply. This was what happened to Agusta. Proton has assets which the buyers can develop profitably. But I am glad that these are just rumours and no one talks about it anymore. If a person looks at the whole picture he will appreciate that Proton is too valuable an asset to sell for RM4."

1. We should tie these traitors on stakes, and burn them alive!
2. Its good to be alive today to be with you and other proud Malaysians to continue our journey in our quest of becoming a developed nation by 2020!
3. Obviously, there will be sceptics and traitors that would come out with all sorts of nonsense and cheap talks to rebut this piece today, which to me they would jolly well do so, as it would not bother me one bit, and I would continue to pray that come 2020, we would realize this dream of ours, Insyallah, for the sake of our future generations!
4. Meanwhile, 'Malaysia Boleh Part II?' While we may have lost five good years but we **STILL HAVE 10 MORE GOOD YEARS TO GO!**
5. DSN should continue lending you his full support in realizing this 'Vision 2020' for the good of Malaysia and faithful Malaysians instead of focussing too much on politic, as we peace loving Malaysians believe that once the Country is back at its glory days sans during your glory years as our PM, naturally, everyone, if not the majority of us, would vote for the BN again!
6. Hence, 'Prosperous Malaysia Makes Happy Malaysians!' albeit what our detractors are trying

and planning to do!

7. We, middle class citizens, have had enough of politics already, as it only gets dirtier by the day!, and while at that, the whole world is watching and laughing at us for making fools of ourselves (helped, and egged on by a certain someone with his loathing Malaysians!)

May Allah continue to bless you, Tun!

By LadyGAutor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:30 AM

Dearest Tun M,

Salute to you too for making a dream into reality. It is because of you that the Malaysian team is there....

Nampak bergaya Tun M di sana especially posing next to Naomi Campbell, the Supermodel of the world....

I have been to The LOAF in Langkawi and would like to go to THE LOAF in Pavilion soon.....sedap.....

WELL DONE, Tun M.

We love you.

By matAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:27 AM

salam Tun,

idea penubuhan proton berasal dari pemikiran Tun yang berpandangan jauh..

sekarang proton semakin bergerak maju dalam industri automobil dan mengambil bahagian dalam sukan permotoran termahal dunia, F1.

harapnya dengan kepakaran yang dimiliki oleh jurutera2 tempatan yang bekerja dalam industri automobil tingkat tinggi ni dapat memberikan pulangan yang bermanfaat untuk rakyat malaysia khususnya.

siapa tahu suatu hari nanti malaysia akan memiliki kereta sport sendiri yang dihasilkan melalui kepakaran anak2 tempatan yang bermutu tinggi dan dapat dimiliki oleh kebanyakan rakyat.

sesungguhnya proton merupakan salah satu atribut/lambang kebanggaan malaysia di persada dunia..

nobody's perfect, tapi saya amat berbangga kerana telah mempunyai seorang perdana menteri yang berpandangan jauh seperti Tun.

take a gud care of yourself and your family Tun,

may Allah bless you and your family always...

regards,
(mat)

By kamal ahmad Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:17 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

That was a very well written field report from our top chedet blog field reporter indeed.

I did not know up till the point of reading this about the Malaysian designers stints in world renowned Giugiaro; designer of Alfas, Ferraris, Lambos and BMWs. Apart from designing over 125 automobiles and dozens of cameras, Giorgetto Giugiaro had also designed the world first “self encasing” pasta way back in 1986. It was designed with delicate edges, ridges unseen to the naked eyes, which would ensure maximum sauce retention per single piece of pasta varieties. Today this design maybe purchased off super market shelves everywhere. This is excellent exposure for Malaysians to be under the tutelage of the maestro himself.

Going back to automobile, point number 14 was very real and it had loomed until Tun, Mahaleel, Rocky Bru and many others had stood up for the firings. That had saved Lotus from being raided, dismantled and sold piece by piece akin to what they had done to MV Agusta and Huqsvarna. I agree with your point on using Proton to propel us into a technical country that would somehow push us into a developed status league sooner than the rest. It has to be viewed in macro logic for it to make any sense. Well in Macro vs. Micro, what is good at macro may not always augur well at micro and the reverse holds truth as well. It is a delicate zone of political balancing and that is also where most weakness had occurred quite frankly. But despite everything, we may stand tall next to Proton today which is supporting over 300,000 staffs and families. Americans are very proud of their Chevrolet; they call it “heartbeat of the nation”, and if anyone here has own a Chevy they would know that this heartbeat don’t always fire up at first crank and at times they looked like bricks on wheels. But they persevered and today they are no where near their AMC Goblin of past. With all the recalls affecting even the best of the best today, we may perhaps finally accept that in mass production, QC is a priority to be on a watchful list always.

But I still say that we must look at lowering our car tariff for the future. This has a direct domino effect on cost of living vis-à-vis income to debt gearing ratio per individual. In America today they have this “President Day” celebration and as part of this deal, the government is subsidizing almost up to USD5, 000 per American made vehicle purchased by their eligible citizens (but Obama should not have agreed to subsidize the gas guzzlers as well). But maybe someday ahead we could tailor something for the Malaysian market too. The high price of cars in Malaysia is not because the government is protecting Proton, maybe the government couldn’t be bothered much about that acronym, but what stand behind those 5 letters means the world to this country’s economy and citizen’s livelihood present and future. Proton means progress and future. Thus we must take pride in safeguarding what is ours.

Lotus was not that well off in the last of Kimberly days, yes that was sadly true. I hope that Mr. Bahar would be able to add value again into Lotus. But I feel that Lotus should be focusing on engine developments as much as anything else or they may run the risk of being down graded to "kit cars" productions. The latest Evora has been available with a Toyota sourced 3.5 v6 VVTI engine, it is an excellent performer but I still feel that Lotus should be making their own V6 now. The legendary Esprit was powered by a Lotus in-house 907 type engine and in keeping with this tradition, Lotus must once again innovate such a masterpiece. Lotus may fall into the Seven concept if they keep at the present ways. The CPS CamPro when turbocharged may be good for 155-165bhp and this rating, with a proper gear box and weight to power ratio, would make it run like a V6. Tun, I agree about Proton coming off age now. Especially under Nadzmi. I was told that company staffs under his watch would be accorded free school uniforms for their school going kids each new year. I do not know if this charitable deed is still on going now. But I hope it still is. It had helped many no doubt.

The new Saga, they are modifying it to look and performs like an Audi from what my brother is doing, and the Persona especially in maroon/ruby metallic is quite stunningly balanced. Time and proper use of it is the essence for Proton and Lotus future success.

For me, even though I can't mentally afford one (unless Tun seriously prevailed the tariffs), I am nevertheless, very glad that they named the car Evora. I really do. In case you don't know it Tun, they had at first during the Badawi wander years wanted to name it "Lotus Ethos" in keeping with the "E" heading designation of things at Lotus.

Lotus Ethos...be thanking our lucky stars today Tun. Drive in good health always Tun.

Had it not been for creating a ruckus back then, Lotus may probably be gone by now for maybe another round of €1, fresh after their MV Augusta clearance sale success. But today I too am glad that they are just unfounded rumors and no one remembers them that much anymore. Sometimes Tun, the best of success, as is love, are the ones that goes in silent and unspoken. With that note, I best get back to writing memory lane cards for now. Thank you for the write Tun. Please don't forget to share the Geneva Concept Car report too...

By capello08Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 9:08 AM

A lot of people criticised why Petronas do not sponsor the Lotus F1, showing lack of patriotism.

I can only see a more global, branded Petronas with Mercedes Benz and Michael Schumacher in it. After all we have not one, but two presence in F1 Motorsport.

And I don't see any Malaysia flag or Malaysia name on the Lotus car nor the driver(s) except the third driver. How 'patrotic' Lotus have been, I wonder..

Anyway, must make sure we aquire those critical technology to lift Proton to the desired level. Too many of old engines (which are not even ours) on the road, coming fresh from Proton factory even in 2010.

By BenderbuzzAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:52 AM

Salam Tun.

I'm still waiting for Proton to come up with its own SUV or 4WD series. I bet those engineers and designers have something in mind.

By depecheAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:39 AM

I sure hope you realize how close the head hunter and the intelligent boys of PL administration almost sold Proton because they were unprofitable. Proton shall never be jeopardized by these bandits anymore. Good day TUN M.

By apexg2Author Profile Page on March 2, 2010 8:25 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

1st,

Tun, terima kasih kerana telah memartabatkan agama, bangsa dan negara.

Berkenaan P1, saya dapat lihat bahawa P1 telah banyak membantu masyarakat Malaysia untuk memiliki kereta sendiri. Walaupun begitu, ianya adalah pada peringkat lebih kurang 5 tahun yang lepas. Kini, kita dapat lihat syarikat2 luar negara berlumba-lumba memperkenalkan kereta-kereta mereka ke pasaran tempatan. Ini satu perkembangan yang baik untuk ekonomi masyarakat serta negara. Namun, kereta yang mereka bawa masuk ini penuh dengan teknologi2 terkini, sebagai contoh berkenaan penggunaan minyak yang sedikit untuk jangka perjalanan yang jauh. Teknologi ini saya rasa belum lagi dikuasai sepenuhnya oleh p1. Kini P1 menjadi pilihan masyarakat adalah mungkin kerana harga yang munasabah tetapi pembeli mungkin tidak akan membelinya kerana teknologi yang digunakan, maksud saya bagi yang mampu untuk membeli kereta yang lebih mahal. Tetapi saya rasa, P1 menuju kepada RnD teknologi ini. Cuma pendapat saya, jangan sampai ketinggalan kerana pasaran kini amat bersaing hebat. Ini hanyalah pandangan sempit saya, maaf jika apa yang diperkatakan tidak tepat.

Tun, saya amat mengagumi cara Tun menyelesaikan dan menyuarakan sesuatu. Sekalung tahniah kepada Tun atas kejayaan Tun.

By buntatAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 7:47 AM

salam ayahanda tun, abang dan kakak

Proton adalah teras automotif negara

dan ia memerlukan pentadbiran yang bagus bagi meningkatkan kualiti dan martabat industri permotoran negara kita, hanya mereka yg berpfikiran negatif saja yang harap proton akan lingkup, sememangnya terdapat kekurangan namun tidaklah boleh dijadikan musabab untuk terus menghina penat jerih pemimpin yang berjaya menjadikan rakyat malaysia (melayu) khususnya mampu memiliki kenderaan sendiri.

By noorfaizaAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 7:45 AM

I am proud to be Malaysian.

Special thanks to you Tun, Bapa Permotoran Malaysia.

By RadziSiAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 7:08 AM

salam buat TUN dan keluarga,

Tahniah buat TUN sebab saya melihat Tun berada bersama Lotus F1 tempoh hari....saya merasakan seperti Tun masih lagi Perdana Menteri bukan nya berpencen....semua teguran Tun di terima oleh Dato Sri Najib and the Geng...apa yang saya hairan ialah mereka semua 1malaysia tak boleh berfikir lagi kah untuk membuat sesuatu tindakan...saya merasakan mereka masih bergantungkuat dengan idea-idea Tun yang dapat memasuki ruangan masa semasa dan lagi hadapan,seperti P.Ramli...ini yang merisaukan saya mungkin orang lain juga...kerana selepas P.Ramli meninggal industri filem terus malap dan hampir padam sehingga sekarang...mereka sepatutnya sudah tahu dan sudah sedar...kalau belum sedar kena lah sedar cepat...sebab jiran-jiran termasuk suku sakat yahudi disebelah kita sentiasa segar dengan idea-idea bernas dan berkesan....rumah-rumah judi dan litar F1 dijalanraya pun dah disediakan....Tahniah Buat Tun sekali lagi...kerana mereka semua bukan sahaja jiran yang ikut Tun malahan Dunia pun ikut Tun sebab masa dah diubah sejak saya mula bekerja lagi ...yang sangat berbakat dan didik dengan baik dah jadi pembelut kepada Tun...itulah malangnya Melayu sejak dahulu lagi...

TUN sangat hebat....Tun bukan sahaja seorang DR...tetapi seorang doktor yang serba boleh dalam segala bidang...maknanya sistem belajar dizaman Tun adalah yang baik....sekarang patut kembali semula kepada sistem yang melahirkan cerdik pandai seperti ini ..bukan cerdik malas...main facebook main Twiter dan sebagainya sahaja...Kita kena dapatkan semula MV Agusta yang dah dijual oleh kerana tak pandai Ekonomi dan sebagainya..eloklah rehatkan diri kat Jakim aje...pegang tasbih....

By sitinurAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:58 AM

Asalamualaikum...

saya bangga ngan poton...rasanya kita patut sentiasa berhati hati
ngan org yg suka amik untung atas angin n yg amik mudah seme2 perkara....org yg mcm no 14
sentiasa menunggu peluang jer....
borak pasai poton bapak sentiasa bersemangat..saya suka...takder ker rancangan nak kuar
4x4...he he he.....wahhhh..dengar kata bapak akan ada kat...aiiyak..luper lak nama tempat
tu....alaaa..pameran

keta antarabangsa yg poton pun buat pameran kat situ....googooooo...

By An-Tak-TauAuthor Profile Page on March 2, 2010 5:13 AM

Forza Proton!

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