

TUN DR LIM CHONG EU
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1. We know that we must all leave this life one day. But knowing the inevitability of death cannot stop us from grieving over the passage of a great man, no matter how long he may have lived.

2. As a nationalist, as a friend, as a compatriot, I feel saddened by the passage from this life of Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.

3. Except for Tun Razak, Tun Lim contributed most to the formation of the National Front, the coalition which succeeded the Alliance, ruled and developed Malaysia until today. He responded positively to the proposal by Tun Razak to rejoin the coalition for the good of Malaysia. He rose above many of the grievances which had led him to leave the MCA, to become a junior partner even though he had been victorious. He was content to be just a Chief Minister of Penang.

4. It was as a Chief Minister that he made Foreign Direct Investment a by-word in Malaysia and perhaps in the world. He brought the first foreign investments in electronics to Penang. It was the best thing for overcoming unemployment which had plagued Malaysia till then.

5. It was he who made the Penang the centre for the transformation of Malaysia into an industrial nation. Towards this end he was tireless, almost single-handedly contacting and persuading foreign industrialists to invest in the new electronics industry. So successful was he that very quickly Penang was short of workers and other states benefitted from his effort at creating employment.

6. I worked closely with Tun Lim and always found him open to proposals on the development of Penang and Malaysia. When he lost in the 1990 elections, it came as a shock to me. I had thought that the people of Penang would remember his services and overcome partisan sentiments. But I suppose I was hoping for far too much.

7. Malaysia, and I dare say Penang, has lost a great leader with the passing away of Tun Dr Lim Ching Eu.

8. I offer my condolences to Toh Puan Goh Sing Yeng and all the members of Tun Lim's family.

Rest in Peace.

57 Comments

By Tok JanggutAuthor Profile Page on November 28, 2010 7:12 PM

Dalam tahun 1998, semasa saya menjadi Presiden salah sebuah Kelab Alumni MBA, saya pergi ke pejabat YABhg Tun Dr Lim menjemput beliau menghadiri Jamuan Makan Malam Tahunan Kelab tersebut.

Tun Lim mengucap terima kasih atas jemputan tetapi menolaknya dengan memberi alasan, "I

am too old to give a talk".

Saya meminta beliau mencadangkan nama tokoh yang sesuai untuk di jemput. Beliau mencadangkan dua nama kepada saya iaitu, Y.Bhg Tan Sri Ani Arope dan Y.Bhg Tan Sri Dr. Lin See Yan. Malah Tun Lim beri kepada saya nombor telefon bimbit kedua-dua tokoh ini dan juga memberi izin saya menggunakan nama beliau semasa menghubungi kedua-dua tokoh ini.

Tan Sri Ani Arope tidak dapat hadir kerana akan berada di luar negara dan Tan Sri Dr. Lin See Yan setuju hadir dan berucap.

Saya kemudian pergi ke pejabat Tun Lim untuk memaklumkan perkara ini dan sekali lagi menjemput beliau untuk hadir sebagai tetamu.

As a true gentleman and a statesman, YABhg Tun ACCEPTED our invitation to attend the function, as a NORMAL GUEST not a VIP.

Selepas itu setiap tahun semasa hari raya aidil fitri saya akan terima kad raya yang di tulis dan di tandatangani sendiri oleh YABhg Tun.

Saya rasa sedih kerana mulai tahun 2011 saya tidak lagi akan menerima kad hari dari 'a true gentleman and statesman'.

Selamat tinggal Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.
By MALAYSIADREAMAuthor Profile Page on November 27, 2010 2:41 PM

You Don't To Be " Somebody " ..
Even If You Are " Nobody " ...
You Are Still "Extraordinary " In The Life Of Malaysia Modern's History...!
The Fact Is....You Are Always " Ultraordinary" GreatMan In The Eyes Of All Fortunate Rakyat Malaysia...!
May God Bless You Forever...!
Sometimes..How Hard To Dream...There Is Ever " A GreatSoul Born.." In Malaysia For The Coming Generations To Generations....! May God Bless Malaysia Forever...!
By AmilAuthor Profile Page on November 27, 2010 11:34 AM

To ekomputer

Quote:
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So who is greater, Tun Dr Lim or Saudara Lim????
OF COURSE TUN DR LIM !!!.
By Mis_bahAuthor Profile Page on November 27, 2010 9:54 AM

Assalamu Alaikum Tun,

To ecompute..

Awak ni tak habis-habis nak berpolitik.. saat keluarga Tun Lim bersedihpun awak masih nak berpolitik. Cuba fikir jika Tun Lim itu ayah awak, kemudian orang lain pertikai jasanya yang cukup banyak, awak rasa macam mana..awak ni memang gila kuasa..sanggup hilang rasa kemanusiaan dan pertimbangan rasional kerana kuasa. Awak ni memang opportunist..materialistic, kalau oran seperti awak berkuasa, binasa dan huru-hara negara ni sebab penyakit kroni akan berleluasa..adik beradik hang saja hang beri keistimewaan..rakyat hang tak ambil peduli..saya tak tahu siapa hang sebenar..tapi saya berani kata hang tak patut pertikai sumbangan Tun Dr Lim kepada negara..siapa hang nak pertikai..?

By peaceloverAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 9:54 PM

Dearest Tun,

I can't express my opinion and words better than Bingo. Well said. Bingo had said it all perfectly.

Same opinion as mine....

"People would not remember all the positive things you brought, but once you did something wrong, people would punish you forever."

"Unfortunately, none of us know the good work that you and The Late Tun has done..."

"The good work is always come from the person that we like, if the good work was done by someone that we dont like was considered not a good work or will forget just like that"

Peoples are becoming far too selfish over the years and choose to follow their hearts... They never mirror themselves before passing judges to others. They never satisfy and instead find the joy in blaming others. Beside selfish, jealousy is also one of the main reason.

Agreed 101% with Bingo again... on the statement.., "whatever people will say, you and The Late Tun Dr. Lim Chong Eu is the man who trully love our country."

One thing Tun should always bear in mind, there's still a lot of rakyat like us out there regardless of our race that still and will always support, remember and love you and Tun Lim.

Condolences to Tun Dr Lim & family and may he rest in peace. He will be remembered and remain in our hearts forever.

Last but not least, I would also like to take this oppurtunity to wish Tun all the best of health and best in everything...

By RahmanAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 6:13 PM

I offer my condolences to Toh Puan Goh Sing Yeng and all the members of Tun Lim's family.

The difference between Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu and saudara Lim Kit Siang is, the former was a doer & an achiever, while the latter, is a just a complainant & a talker.

As an employee who works in the Penang FTZ, I am very grateful to what Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu had initiated. As to saudara Lim Kit Siang? I still can't relate his contribution to my better living.

May Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu rest in peace.

By 2worldpeaceAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 4:30 PM

Salam Tun,

Setiap pemimpin mesti ada jasa-jasanya yang akan dikenang oleh rakyat. Seperti Tun sendiri, Tun Dr. Lim juga telah memberi sumbangan kepada negara sepanjang hayatnya. Pada saya, pemimpin seangkatan Tun telah melalui zaman yang amat sukar untuk membentuk sebuah negara seperti Malaysia. Syukurlah dengan keazaman yang kuat dan perancangan yang amat baik oleh pemimpin seperti Tun dan Tun Dr. Lim dan juga yang lain, kita, rakyat Malaysia mampu menikmati kehidupan yang berkualiti dan amat selesa seperti sekarang. Apa yang harus kita, sebagai rakyat Malaysia amat bersyukur ialah keamanan yang kita kecapai, keamanan yang tidak datang bergolek... tetapi hasil dari titik peluh pemimpin kita dan sudah pastilah juga atas usaha pasukan keselamatan yang sentiasa peka, berwaspada dan bersedia sepanjang masa.

By SUCI ROHANI MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANCYAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 9:16 AM

Takziah kepada keluarganya. Sikapnya yang mahukan perpaduan patut kita sanjung tinggi.

<http://www.rumahamalsucirohani.com/>

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 7:15 AM

QUOTE: "I worked closely with Tun Lim and always found him open to proposals on the development of Penang and Malaysia. When he lost in the 1990 elections, it came as a shock to me. I had thought that the people of Penang would remember his services and overcome partisan sentiments. But I suppose I was hoping for far too much."

Yes, you were hoping for far too much and... well, nothing to be shocked about. Not winning the elections doesn't imply that people have forgotten about him.

Winston Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty against the mighty Axis upon the outbreak of World War II in 1939, and became Prime Minister of Great Britain in 1940. How come then did he become the Leader of the Opposition in 1945? Didn't Britain won the war? Yes, Britishers still remember Winston Churchill. And if Tun's logic is to go by, then we don't even need elections because it would just be an eye wash. Just say "don't forget that I have contributed so much before" is enough, so why spend public funds at all?

Having said that, I think that the Titan of Malaysian democracy is still Lim Kit Siang, even though I have not voted before. Like Tun Dr. Lim Chong Eu, he could also have jumped onto the BN bandwagon and gotten himself a minister post and lead a life of comfort and luxury, not only for himself but also for his wife and children. But no, he rather stick to his ideals and principles and go to Kamunting, not once but twice. By the way, just in case Tun forgets, "Islam has laid down the principle that no citizen can be imprisoned unless his guilt has been proven in an open court. To arrest a man only on the basis of suspicion and to throw him into a prison without proper court proceedings and without providing him a reasonable opportunity to produce his defense is not permissible in Islam." Quoted from <http://www.ilaam.net/Brochures/Brochure-07.html>

Yes, Lim Kit Siang has spend an entire political life, with no personal gain to date, only liabilities... not even a P.P.M., not to mention a datukship. But he slogs on, nonetheless. So who is greater, Tun Dr Lim or Saudara Lim?

Yet, for each passing, we must express our condolences. Sooner or later, we will all have to answer to God for our brief sojourn on this tiny speck of dust in the universe and its God's judgment, rather than humans, that in the end, is more valuable.

By leo7Author Profile Page on November 26, 2010 6:46 AM

Tun Mahathir,

Salam dengan penuh hormat.

Tun CE Lim adalah satu nama besar yang telah berjasa kepada rakyat terutama di Pulau Pinang. Tun sendiri tidak menjangka beliau bolih di tumbangkan dalam perkampungannya sendiri. Politik Pulau Pinang memang selalu mengejutkan dan biasanya condong kekiri. Pernah saya bertugas di Pulau Pinang hampir 12 tahun semasa Tun CE Lim menjadi CM dan pada masa itu Pulau Pinang baru sahaja membuka kawasan perindustrian Prai dan salah satu industri yang ranchak dan lama ujud di Pulau Pinang adalah menyediakan kemudahan bilik sejuk untuk ikan Tuna. Malah Pulau Pinang merupakan hub untuk menyimpan ikan Tuna yang di punggah oleh pelaut Taiwan, Jepun dan Korea terutamanya.

Apa yang terpatut dalam ingatan adalah apabila Kerajaan Negeri mengharamkan pelaut Taiwan turun kedarat kecuali tangkapan Tuna mereka sahaja. Masalah ini berpunca dari beberapa pelaut Taiwan telah "jump-Ship" dan meminta perlindungan di Kedutaan Tanah Basar Cina di Kuala Lumpur (kalau tak salah) dan telah menyebabkan kekecohan politik diantara kedua dua negara yang terlibat.

Jika di lihat secara mudah, incidence seperti ini sering berlaku di merata dunia tetapi impact kekecohan ini telah meruntuhkan satu Industri yang amat berpotensi di Pulau Pinang ketika itu. Saya mengingatkan kemabali incidence ini kerana salah satu tumpuan pembangunan ketika itu adalah meluaskan usaha memproses Ikan Tuna bagi tujuan eksport. Usaha telah pun di mulakan untuk meluaskan storage/cold room capacity, membawa masuk machinery yang sesuai bagi tujuan menyediakan bahan packaging yang di perlukan, memupuk pengusaha tempatan dalam bidang memprocess ikan Tuna. Mempelawa pakar luar negara dalam bidang memproses makanan untuk membuat pelaburan serta melihat potensi bi products dari industry ini.

Berpuluh-ratus juta telah dibelanjakan untuk menyediakan pasarana bagi industri memproses ikan Tuna, tetapi dalam sekelip mata, ikan Tuna tidak ada di Pulau Pinang.

Pengusaha tempatan mengeluh kerana ikan Tuna telah berpindah ke Singapura dan perlu di import semula. Pelabur asing yang bertujuan menyertai pembangunan ini terpaksa di cadangkan untuk melihat potensi di South Thailand kerana tidak berapa jauh, mudahmudahan bahan packaging yang mereka perlukan bolih di bekalkan dari Prai.

Masalah pengharaman pelaut Taiwan mendarat telah menyebabkan mereka berhijrah ke Singapura. Yang peliknya, Singapura telah pun sedia menunggu dengan segala kemudahan termasuk Tuna handlers yang berpindah dari Pulau Pinang.

Itulah pengalaman yang saya alami. Walau pun pahit jika di ukur dari matlamat asal tetapi bagi Kerajaan Negeri di bawah pimpinan Tun CE Lim yang memberi penuh tumpuan kepada pelaburan industri electronic ketika itu memang tepat tetapi sekarang, semuanya Negara Cina yang dapat.

By life is not a fairy tale dudeAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 12:31 AM

Condolences to the family of the late Tun Dr. Lim. May he rest in peace.

By sssyAuthor Profile Page on November 26, 2010 12:23 AM

Salam tun...

1) terus terang saya sebagai orang penang yang dilahirkan era 80an langsung tidak mengenali Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu dan sumbangan beliau. Terima kasih kepada Tun kerana berkongsi fakta sejarah.

2) Dari sini kita dapat lihat kesan pengetahuan sejarah terhadap sikap tolak ansur dan saling memahami di dalam satu negara yang berbilang bangsa.

3) Inilah rasionalnya mata pelajaran sejarah malaysia wajib menjadi subjek wajib lulus didalam SPM.

4) Ingin saya berkongsi maklumat tentang kertas peperiksaan sejarah yang baru sahaja berlangsung. Peperiksaan SPM Kertas Sejarah baru sahaja berlangsung bermula pada jam 8.00 pagi. Untuk pengetahuan pembaca, di pusat peperiksaan berhampiran dengan rumah saya sebaik sahaja jam menunjukkan 8.31am ramai dikalangan pelajar yang menduduki peperiksaan keluar meninggalkan dewan peperiksaan tanpa menjawab kertas soalan sejarah.

5) Saya betul-betul terperanjat dengan maklumat ini, cuba bayangkan sudah berapa lama dan dimanakah lagi lokasi yang berlaku perkara sedemikian. Calon2 inilah dalam masa 4thn akan datang akan menjadi penentu kepada pemimpin yang akan dipilih untuk menerajui negara kita. Negara kita dipenuhi dengan warganegara yang buta sejarah negara sendiri. Layakkah mereka digelar warganegara malaysia dan mengundi????

Renung-renungkan lah....

By asa5335Author Profile Page on November 26, 2010 12:16 AM

My condolences to the family... RIP, Great Stateman.

By SraAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 11:00 PM

Salam Tun,

1. Yes I knew all along that he was a great leader with a good track record and clean from corruption. We have lost such an icon in a political leadership.

2. I hope the main media will have some tribute on him and his achievement. My deepest condolences to the family of the late Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.

Wassalam

Dr Srazali ARIPIN

Formerly known from

Brisbane Australia

and now currently back to serve the nation in Gombak

By huzannaAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 9:31 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun Yang Amat Dihormati,

Saya juga ingin menyampaikan Takziah kepada keluarga mendiang, semoga mereka tabah menghadapi hari yang sedih sebegini. Tidak ramai pemimpin bersifat nasionalis tinggi yang tinggal sekarang.

Tun Dr. Mahathir, juga seorang yang budiman, semoga Tun sentiasa dirahmati dan dilindungi Yang Maha Esa. Terima Kasih.

By DenoneAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 9:30 PM

Dearest Tun,

Now after his demise everyone seems to be talking highly about him. It's all hypocrites when DAP leaders and members spoke highly about his leadership. Tun Dr Lim a symbol of tolerance, non-chauvanistic, non-racist chinese leader. But the chinese doesn't think he's chinese enough. T The chinese vote him out in 1990 and vote in the another Lim, whom we all know is intolerance, chauvinist and racist leader. Now, the hypocrite chinese dan DAP members now speak highly of Tun Dr.Lim. Hypocrite Lim Kit Siang and Lim Guan Eng.

By nazrimalikAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 9:29 PM

Takziah kepada keluarga mendiang Tun Dr. Lim Chong Eu. Yes, it is a great lost.

sincerely,
nazrimalik

By fbmAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 8:18 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Thank you again Tun for enlightening us with his contributions. Seems like history lessons in school could never cover all of our great leaders contributions. Condolences for us as we lost a true Malaysian and a great leader. RIP.

By AdamAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 6:33 PM

Just got to know about this from your blog, great loss for Malaysia. If I was not mistaken, he was the one who built KOMTAR is it not?

Condolences to the family of Tun Lim.

By jalil7Author Profile Page on November 25, 2010 6:29 PM

Salam Tun,

Being a Kuala Lumpur native, it is only now i learnt that the FTZs in KL is his original brain cild. A great contribution to country indeed, Malaysia was praised for this excellent effort in providing job opportunities. All the praises rightly belong to Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.

My sincere condolenses to the family of Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on November 25, 2010 5:57 PM

Dearest Tun

Although I am quite familiar with his name I am afraid that I don't quite remember much Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu's political journey.Thanks for enlightening us on his positive contribution esp on the industrialization of Penang in particular and Malaysia in general. Well that is one awesomely great contribution esp in providing many of us with a livelihood.

May God bless the late Tun Dr Lim and may his soul rest in peace.My sincere condolences to his bereaved family.

Thanks Tun

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By TuaChengAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 5:47 PM

Tun Dr.Lim,

Is the best ever so far, that God-sent for Penang.

He had a vision, way beyond the leaders during his time. While many still thinking of rubber, tobacco, cocoa, palm oil and tin.

He look beyond the agriculture direction bring forth INTEL, HP(now AGILENT), MOTOROLA, SEAGATE, HITACHI(now Renesas), Siemens(now Osram), and more.

This spurs growth to Logistics/Shipping/Airline/Banking.
Which further spurs Housing/Utilities/Infrastructures.

He gave Penang, the Penang Bridge/Komtar/FIZ/FTZ and Tanjung Bungah tourist belt.
He has never been tainted of any scandals or greed for any titles.

As a Penangite I/WE owe TUN LIM the life that Penang has today, which springs so many followers like Kulim Hitech part/Shah Alam Industrial Zone/Cyberjaya and more.

More truth, he will not subdue to crowd/physical politics which is norm nowadays, which always stated we are biggest you must follow.

Penang was so much Transform when bigger states like Kedah & Perak we still today much or less an agriculture base income.

We shall never forget what Tun Lim has laid down in Penang. We will strive for Penang to be Most Developed state again, with another Mr.Lim leading it.

Goodbye Tun Lim.

By BingoAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 5:33 PM

Dear Tun,

I do not know whether the people of Penang would remember him or not. People would not remember all the positive things you brought, but once you did something wrong, people would punish you forever. This is the thing that I could elaborate about The Late Tun Dr. Lim Chong

Eu, I know you know him very well and how his performed as a minister during your premiership, in fact as the PM of Malaysia who should know about it. Unfortunately, none of us know the good work that you and The Late Tun has done, intentionally or not, I dont know. The good work is always come from the person that we like, if the good work was done by someone that we dont like was considered not a good work or will forget just like that. To me whatever people will say, you and The Late Tun Dr. Lim Chong Eu is the man who trully love our country.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my condolence to Toh Puan Goh Sing Yeng and all the members of Tun Lim's family. My he rest in peace.

By Hazman Abu BakarAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 5:30 PM

Condolence to Dr. Lim's family.

By hsm_caiAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 4:58 PM

Salam kepada Tun dan para bloggers,

destinasi setiap umat manusia di dunia ini...

kesan perjalanannya sahaja yang mungkin tinggal samada baik atau buruk...

semoga diberkati Allah. AMIN...

By lilimuchlisAuthor Profile Page on November 25, 2010 4:45 PM

Salam YABhg. Tun,

Thank you Tun for another history lesson for the younger generation like me.

I am ashamed to say that before this, I know very-very little about the late Tun Dr. Lim and his contribution to Penang and Malaysia in general.

I will strive harder to learn more about our country's history and the men and women who made Malaysia what it is today; a magnificent country and internationally known all over the world.

I share your grief in the passing of Tun Dr. Lim and I too would like to offer my condolences to the family of the late Tun Dr. Lim.

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